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SPAIN: CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD AFTER BEATING ENGLAND

In the first women's final for both nations, Spain emerged victorious against England 1-0 to win the World Cup in Sydney

CAPTAIN CARMONA COMES THROUGH AGAIN

Captain Olga Carmona gave Spain the lead in the first half. With her goal in the 29th minute in Sydney. She became only the seventh player to score a goal in both the semifinals and the final. Spain's Jennifer Hermoso couldn't convert a penalty following a handball by Keira Walsh in the second half. But it didn't matter as England couldn't fashion any clear-cut openings

CONTROVERSY OVER SPANISH COACH VILDA

- The 42-year-old continued to coach the side despite several players requesting his sacking over mistreatment. Upon Spanish FA's inaction, 15 players ruled themselves out of the World Cup squad in protest.
- England coach Sarina Wiegman could be one of the names tipped to take over from Gareth Southgate | PTI

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NO. OF GOALS SPAIN SCORED AT THE WORLD CUP

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Russia's lunar mission fails as lander crashes

Luna-25 spins out of control, collides with the Moon's surface

The Soyuz-2.1b rocket with the moon lander Luna-25 takes off from a launch pad at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in the Russia's Far East on August 11 | AP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RUSSIA's Luna-25 crashed into the Moon hours before the spacecraft's scheduled soft-landing on the lunar surface, Russia's space agency Roscosmos said on Sunday. This leaves India's Chandrayaan-3 the only mission in the race to touch down on the Moon's south pole, known for its difficult terrain.

The Russian spacecraft had reached lunar orbit earlier this week, sending back high-resolution photos of the dark side of the Moon. Its landing was scheduled to take place on August 21.

Roscosmos said it lost contact with Luna-25 on Saturday after the spacecraft spun into an incorrect orbit. "Measures taken to locate the craft and make contact with it were unsuccessful," the agency added.

It said a ministerial investigation would be launched into the causes of the crash, without giving any indication of what technical problems might have occurred.

Luna-25, Russia's first lunar mission in 47 years, was launched on August 11. Its predecessor, Luna-24, was launched in 1976.

Luna-25 was part of Russia's lunar programme for the exploration and practical use of the Moon and its orbit to establish a fully automated lunar base.

The crash could impact Russia's moon programme, which envisages several more missions.

Russian scientists have reportedly been raising concerns about the country's space programme being weakened by unrealistic vanity projects, corruption and a decline in the rigour of scientific education system.

Roscosmos boss Yuri Borisov had said the venture would be "risky", telling President Vladimir Putin that its success rate was only around 70%.

Countdown for Chandrayaan's soft-landing on

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

THE Chandrayaan-3 Mission on Sunday completed its second and final deboosting of Vikram Lander as it moves closer to scripting history on August 23. With Luna-25, the Russian mission to the Moon, crashing on the lunar surface on Saturday, Chandrayaan-3 is the sole contender to claim a soft landing on the Moon.

For Chandrayaan-3, this was a critical deboosting manoeuvre for the mission as it completed all of the Moon's orbits which occurred around 2 am on Sunday. It is set to touch down on the Moon at 6.04 pm on Wednesday.

"The second de-orbiting manoeuvre for the Lander Module (LM) of Chandrayaan3 spacecraft was performed successfully today. Now the orbit of LM is 25 km x 134 km. The health of the Lander Module (LM) is normal," the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) stated in its update. With this manoeuvre, the required orbit for the now automated Lander Module will commence its descent towards the Moon's surface, the space agency added.

The Vikram module will undergo internal checks and will wait for sunrise at the designated landing site. P8

Tharoor, Sharma, Pilot in revamped CWC

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

Shashi Tharoor

Anand Sharma

Sachin Pilot

AHEAD of the crucial Assembly elections and the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress on Sunday reconstituted the Congress Working Committee (CWC). Shashi Tharoor, Anand Sharma and Mukul Wasnik — three members of the group of 23 dissident leaders who had called for reforms within the party — and disgruntled Rajasthan leader Sachin Pilot have been brought into the party's apex decision-making body.

The revamped CWC includes senior party leaders Manmohan Singh, K C Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Adhir Ranjan Choudhary, A K Antony, Ambika Soni, Meira Kumar, Digvijaya Singh, P Chidambaram, and Tariq Anwar, besides party president Mallikarjun Kharge as well as members of the Gandhi family.

Former Rajasthan deputy chief minister Pilot's inclusion in the committee is seen as an attempt to placate him ahead of the Assembly elections in the state later this year. He had been at loggerheads with fellow Congress leader and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot over power-sharing.

Pilot took to social media to express his gratitude to the party leadership. "We all will strengthen the customs and ideology of the Congress and take it more strongly to the people," he wrote on X.

Manish Tewari and Veerappa Moily, who were also part of the group, have been made permanent invitees to the CWC.

Though the party amended its constitution in February to provide a 50% horizontal reservation to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, women, youngsters, and minorities in the CWC, the composition of the new panel doesn't reflect the promise. There are only 15 women in the 84-member CWC, including six general members, four permanent invitees, and five special invitees.

Also, contrary to the party's promise that half of its permanent members in the newly constituted CWC will be under 50 years of age, only three members — Pilot, Gaurav Gogoi, and Kamaleshwar Patel — are under that age limit.

The reconstituted CWC body has 39 permanent members, 18 permanent invitees, 14 state and four organizational incharges, and nine special invitees.

All-party meet on Wednesday to discuss water disputes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE government has called for an all-party meeting on Wednesday to discuss a slew of water disputes involving Karnataka -- Cauvery, Mahadayi, Krishna and other water issues, including the situation in dams.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who also holds the water resources portfolio, said the all-party meeting will discuss these issues in the light of a poor monsoon this year. "We are filing a petition in the Supreme Court tomorrow. We have already requested the authority to reconsider its decision to release water. It is our duty to protect the interests of farmers. The court's decision should also be given priority."

Speaking about legal issues facing Karnataka, he said the advocate-general will be the best person to decide how to fight the legal battle.

The all-party meeting promises to be a stormy affair, with the challenge thrown up by a weak monsoon, a legal mandate to release water and an aggressive opposition urging that water should not be released..

Reacting to attempts of the BJP and JDS to push the government on to the backfoot by demanding that water should not be released to Tamil Nadu as mandated by law, he said, "The BJP and JDS are trying to politicise the issue unnecessarily. Are they are not aware of what happened when they were in power? The all-party meeting will ensure no one scores brownie points by politicising the issue." Asked about the BJP's proposal to protest and block the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway on Monday, Shivakumar said, "The BJP claims it's a road, and many lives have been lost on that stretch. They are welcome to protest."

CID PROBE

Fake letter against min: 2 detained

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

AT a time when a letter allegedly written by agriculture officers against Minister N Chaluvaraya Swamy created a political storm in the state, CID sleuths who are investigating the case detained two department officials on Sunday.

Sources in the investigation team said the detained – Shivaprasad and Gurudatt, who are from KR Pete taluk in Mandya district -- have been working in the Mysuru office of the department. The investigation moved forward and the two were detained following pressure from the chief minister's office and the minister. The CID sleuths are trying to find out from the detained officials whether they wrote the letter of their own will or were influenced by their higher-ups, the sources added.

Chaluvaraya Swamy

The CID has been tasked with investigating the case after the minister and department officials claimed that the letter written to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlow was fake and aimed at defaming the minister. P4

Flyer molests air hostess on flight from Male, jailed

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A 51-year-old Maldives resident molested an air hostess who came to serve him and behaved obscenely with two other women cabin crew members on an IndiGo flight from Male to Bengaluru on Friday evening (August 18). After landing at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), he was arrested and sent to jail, the police said.

Akram Ahmed, who is from Male in Maldives, has been booked under Sections 354 (assault or use of criminal force on any woman intending to outrage her modesty) and 409 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of IPC.

The incident occurred on board flight No. 6E 1128 after the flight departed at 3.48 pm from the Velana International Airport in Male. Ahmed, seated in 38D, asked for a glass of beer and cashew nuts, states the FIR copy. A flight attendant brought them over to him.

The complaint states that when taking them from her, the flyer is reported to have remarked, "I have been looking for a girl like you for the last 51 years. How much do you charge for service and when will you be free?"

Ahmed also allegedly handed over a $100 bill to her and told her to pay $10 for what he had ordered and to keep the rest. He also allegedly touched her inappropriately.

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TAPAS UAV ON TEST FLIGHT CRASHES IN C'DURGA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chitradurga

The mangled remains of UAV Tapas after it crashed at Vaddikere village of Chitradurga district on Sunday | EXPRESS

IT was an unusual morning for villagers who witnessed an unmanned testing drone Tapas (Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance-Beyond Horizon) drone, developed by the DRDO, crashing into a groundnut field at Vaddikere village of Hiriyur taluk in Chitradurga district on Sunday.

As soon as the news of the UAV crash spread, hundreds of villagers gathered at the farmland of Siddappa to look at the debris of the vehicle. No one was injured as there was no one in the field at that time.

Tapas 07A-14, a medium-altitude long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle – developed by the DRDO, took off for a test flight in the morning from the DRDO facility at Kudhapura near Nayakanahatti Science City in Challakere. But soon after, the scientists lost control of the UAV, resulting in its crash.

Superintendent of Police K Parashuram told *The New Indian Express* that the UAV was on a trial flight. The police and DRDO teams reached the spot and helped scientists recover the vehicle. Villagers, who witnessed the crash, informed the police, who rushed to the spot.

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TAPAS -- DRDO's Made in India UAV

TAPAS-BH UAV, short for Tactical Aerial Platform for Advanced Surveillance - Beyond Horizon, is an indigenous medium-altitude long-endurance-class unmanned aerial vehicle. It made its inaugural flight appearance at Aero India 2023. The event showcased its capabilities through both static and aerial demonstrations. TAPAS is the DRDO's solution to address the Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, Tracking, and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) requirements of the armed forces. With a flight endurance of over 18 hours, the UAV can operate at altitudes of up to 28,000 feet. TAPAS, previously referred to as Rustom-II, is designed to operate autonomously or under remote control based on pre-programmed flight plans. This versatility enables its operation during both daylight and nighttime conditions.

Murugappa family members settle dispute, withdraw legal proceedings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai/Bengaluru

CHENNAI-based Murugappa Group on Sunday said it has settled the long-standing disputes and differences between Valli Arunachalam, the eldest daughter of M V Murugappan, and rest of the family members. The differences had cropped up after the demise of M V Murugappan.

Valli was locked in a legal battle with other family members as she had sought a board position at Ambadi Investments, the holding company of the group. She demanded a change in the patriarchal norms of the group as female members were not given a place on the board.

As part of the deal, all legal proceedings between the family groups will be withdrawn.

"The members of the Murugappa family first discussed and concluded the terms of the family arrangement amongst themselves at a meeting in the presence of their respective advisors. This understanding was recorded by way of a memorandum entered into by the members of the Murugappa family with the family branch of late M V Murugappan (including Valli Arunachalam and Vellachi Murugappan)," the family said in a joint statement on Sunday.

Necessary transactions in pursuance of the family arrangement will be taken within the next 90 days. It, however, did not divulge the terms of the family arrangment, terming it confidential.

"The family arrangement ensures that all the issues between the members will be settled, and they are happy that they have agreed to resolve this amicably," said representatives for the family in a statement.

Started in 1900, the Murugappa Group operates 29 businesses, including 11 listed companies that include Carborundum Universal, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company, Shanthi Gears Ltd and Tube Investments of India, among others.

EXPRESS READ

Former Pakistan foreign minister arrested

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, a close aide of jailed former PM Imran Khan, was arrested from his house here under the Official Secrets Act in connection with the leakage of a confidential diplomatic cable. Qureshi (67), Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's vice-chairman, was arrested on Saturday night and taken to the Federal Investigation Agency's headquarters. He was held for violating the secrecy of the official cable sent by the Pakistani embassy in the US to the foreign office when he was foreign minister.

Gunmen kill at least 23 in village in central Mali

BAMAKO (MALI): Armed gunmen killed at least 23 people and wounded 12 in an attack on a village in central Mali, officials said on Sunday. Sidi Mohamed El Bechir, Governor of the Bandiagara region, where the attack took place, said unidentified men killed dozens of people and set fire to several homes in the village of Yarou on Friday. However, the attack has not been claimed yet.

DMK stages hunger strike against NEET

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin on Sunday assured all efforts to ensure NEET exemption for the state, as his son and cabinet minister Udhayanidhi led the DMK's hunger strike demanding abolition of the test. The DMK will not stop till Tamil Nadu gets exemption from the central qualifying test for medical courses, Stalin said, while the BJP slammed the ruling party in the state for "politicising" NEET. P5

Teacher absent for five years, still got paid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Udupi

A primary school teacher at the Government Higher Primary School at Anagalli in Kundapur taluk of Udupi district has not been regular to the school for the last five years, but has been drawing a salary every month.

His subject 'social science' is now being taught by another teacher as he visits the school once a week only to mark his attendance and draw the salary.

After Anagalli Panchayat president Lawrence D'Souza complained to Kundapur BEO Shobha Shetty and following an inquiry, Udupi DDPI K Ganapathi suspended the teacher, Dinakar Shetty.

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ALMANAC TODAY
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MIN 20°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Afternoon clouds.

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.37 pm
Moonrise 9.45 am
Moonset 9.48 pm

KSRTC to add 10 trucks to logistics service

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN a bid to improve non-ticket revenues, the cash-strapped Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will be adding 10 fully-built trucks with a 6-ton capacity to the Namma Cargo wing, which provides parcel and courier services. With this move, the KSRTC is aiming to scale up its operations. Officials said that initially, 10 trucks will be added, with 10 more being added subsequently.

"KSRTC's revenues took a severe beating during the pandemic. We started exploring all options to improve revenues and the parcel and courier services had the potential. It has been witnessing steady growth with nearly three times jump year-after-year. In 2022, the revenue from the parcel and courier services alone stood around Rs 10 crore," an official said.

He added that as of now, the bus corporation is relying on passenger buses to carry parcels and that has limitations, considering the weight of the goods being transported. "To overcome these limitations, for now, the bus corporation will be adding 10 fully-built trucks that have a capacity of 6 tons to transport parcels and couriers. They are expected to be put into operation before the end of this year, after a tender process, and by next year 10 more trucks will be added."

There are many clusters that have developed in the state. There are fruit clusters, textile clusters, pharma clusters, and others. "We want to tap them and meet their logistical demands and improve revenues for the bus corporation," the official said.

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An official from KSRTC

KAGGADASPURA RAIL CROSSING A NIGHTMARE

The level crossing gate here shut at least 14 times every day to allow trains to pass

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

LACK of will by bureaucrats, meddling by politicians, coupled with house owners unwilling to part with their properties for has made commuting via the railway crossing at Kaggadaspura in CV Raman Nagar a nightmare. A Road Over Bridge sanctioned 11 years ago by the South Western Railway has remained a non-starter and the Bengaluru Division blames the BBMP for not acquiring the land for the ramps.

The level crossing gate here is shut at least 14 times a day to allow trains to pass. With four roads converging at the gate, and school buses, construction vehicles for the Metro project and vehicles of residents of layouts that have sprouted in Kaggadaspura trying to get ahead, traffic gridlocks occur almost every hour. Jams sometimes extend up to 1 km on the road towards Mahadevapura.

The problem is set to intensify when the Baiyappanahalli-Hosur track is doubled and more trains will run along this section.

When *TNIE* visited the spot, two cops looked hassled trying to regulate traffic. M Nagamani, a school bus driver for the last 15 years, said he and a few volunteers have spent countless hours clearing traffic. "Between 8 am and 11 am as well as between 3.30 pm to 8 pm, it takes up to 45 minutes to cross the gate."

All types of vehicles are seen jostling for space at the Kaggadasapura railway crossing, even as a traffic policeman keeps vigil | EXPRESS

Totally 93 properties need to be acquired, but the houseowners are refusing, explained a resident. "The DRDO has built a bridge for its staff, but has barred public on it due to security reasons."

Another resident alleged that since the level crossing lies within two constituencies which had MLAs from opposing parties in the past, Byrathi Basavaraju for K R Puram and S Raghu for CV Raman Nagar, they refused to work together for the project. "Now, both MLAs are from the same party. They have still not taken steps to help us," he added.

A railway official said, "Railways can easily build the ROB as the land is ours. But no point in building it if it is not inaccessible to the public. We will proceed only if the land is acquired and given to us."

The bridge was estimated to cost Rs 31 crore in 2012. "It must have gone up massively now. That too needs to be figured out," he added.

FRAUD FIX

New Registration Act a relief to land owners: Min

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE landmark bill passed by the Assembly on July 19 to amend the Registration Act 1908, awaits the Presidential nod. It is set to offer relief to property owners who ended up as victims of fraud and impersonation, by empowering district registrars with the right to cancel registrations using bogus documents, and a jail term of three years for officials involved in forgery.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who pushed the amendment, said, "The objective is to provide immediate relief to property owners. As of now, litigation is the only way out for victims of impersonation or fraud, or in cases where fake documents are used. This happens with government lands too. It could take up to 10 years to get relief through courts. Many lack resources to pursue the matter, and go in for a compromise or lose a part of their share." A revenue official added that Tamil Nadu has already put in place such a system.

TNIE caught up with one such family waging a battle for the past two years to establish itself as the owner. The irony is that Dinesh Baliga and wife Divya will have to shell out Rs 2.5 lakh as stamp duty to re-register their house in their name.

The couple inherited four flats at 'Audel Heights' apartment complex in Pandurangnagar in IVth Phase of JP Nagar. Baliga said, "We sold three flats which we estimated to be worth Rs 75 lakh then. Though we turned down many buyers, Keerthana pursued us and even paid a deposit of Rs 5,000 for the house. We gave her copies of the documents. She was never seen after that," he said.

"A year later, I got a call from our house owners' association that one Sridhar had met them and said his wife (Archana R) had bought the house and they would move in within a couple of days," he explained.

Then unravelled a web of forgery and impersonation. The woman, a serial offender, had taken the help of an employee of BTM Sub-Registrar office and a nationalised bank employee in Malleswaram, who sanctioned Rs 69 lakh loan.

The couple approached police, stopped the bank loan cheque issued to the new buyer and changed the house lock. "Our tumultuous journey to retrieve our house by nullifying the fraudulent transaction and cancelling bank hypothecation has shed light on the complex web of real estate forgery and lax verification processes."

The gang submitted fabricated BBMP tax documents, PAN and Aadhaar cards. They have not provided any online financial transaction details to support the sale deed application. Cops at Puttenahalli station and Stamps and Registration department are helping the couple retrieve their property.

Citizens want BMTC feeders to tech parks from Purple Line stns

ENS @ Bengaluru

A DELEGATION of citizens representing the 'Personal2Public' campaign, aimed at promoting public transport in Bengaluru, had a meeting with Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Saturday, requesting him to provide feeder bus services from the Purple Line (Whitefield) Metro stations to the tech parks on the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

Personal2Public is a citizens movement initiated by World Resource Institute (WRI) India and Bangalore Political Action Committee (B. PAC) and supported by civil society partners like Bangalore Apartment Federation, Whitefield Rising, Changemakers of Kanakapura Road, corporate partners like Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA), Electronic City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA), auto-unions like Auto Rickshaw Drivers Union (ARDU).

"The stupendous success of the Shakti scheme shows that Bengaluru is ready for a new chapter in public transport. With the arrival of Metro services to Whitefield and Electronics City soon, we have a great opportunity ahead of us," said Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow at WRI India.

"We are working with various stakeholders and city groups including, corporates, resident welfare associations, slum-dweller associations and auto-driver unions to bring all voices and their expectations together. We request the attention and support of the government to leverage this campaign to ensure the maximum use and effectiveness of public transport options by the citizens of Bengaluru. Our objective is to inspire citizens to 'use public transport twice a week'," he added.

A delegation of citizens requested Ramalinga Reddy to instruct BMTC to introduce ORR feeder buses from specific tech parks to Purple Line Metro stations.

The stupendous success of the Shakti scheme shows that Bengaluru is ready for a new chapter in public transport | SRINIVAS ALAVILLI, FELLOW, WORLD RESOURCE INSTITUTE

School body slams educationists, says wrong info on fees given to govt

BENGALURU: The Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) has refuted allegations that private schools charge exorbitant amounts for tuition fees. KAMS hit out against educationists like VP Niranjanaradhya, saying the claims of schools charging high tuition fees, amounting to lakhs, is true only for around 2% of schools in the state, with 95% of them charging less than Rs 40,000 per year. They were responding to a statement given by the educationist, stating that parents were being exploited by schools charging high fees. "A handful of schools charge more than lakhs as fees for the services of their respective educational institution, which the guardians and parents have agreed to... However, 95 per cent of private unaided educational institutes across the state charge Rs 10,000 to Rs 40,000 for a full year of education, depending on the quality," said KAMS general secretary Shashi Kumar.

INCLUSION THROUGH EXAMPLE

City school helps special students from slums

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

EVEN before the concept of inclusion became popular, for the past 50 years, a small school in Lingarajapuram is working towards changing the lives of disabled children from slums, and empowering them to become independent.

A woman, whose child has Global Developmental Delay, said: "I have seen a lot of improvement in my 8-year-old daughter; in her physical health and social skills. I have tried multiple organisations, but they only had therapy."

Shradhanjali Integrated School (SIS) has a ratio of 80 per cent disabled children, and 20 per cent abled, 313 students for 2023-24. Following the state curriculum, the institution has customised its learning for the kids, at a subsidised cost. It focuses on activity-oriented learning, sports, art and craft to ensure all-round development. Earlier, the school was operational till Class 7, but from this year, Class 8 has begun, which will be followed by Classes 9 and 10 next year.

Committed to the cause the Association of People with Disability (APD), SIS has students with 11 different disabilities, including autism, hearing issues, developmental disability, down syndrome, locomotor disability, and many more.

"There are 35 students who are speech and hearing-impaired. Each classroom has a translator to help them understand concepts and feel included," SIS Principal Pannaga Babu said.

The teachers opine that in other schools, disabled students are excluded and pulled out of the classroom "to focus more on them", but this causes more harm than good.

As most children come from financially weaker sections, midday meals, books, uniforms, healthcare, rehabilitation, transportation, and adapted learning techniques are provided. In fact, to help the children, the school has 10-12 wheelchairs in all buses to help students commute better. The institution wants the students to "see themselves as people who can contribute to society". "To lead by example, we have several teachers who are disabled and have been contributing to the school," the principal added.

A teacher interacts with students during a class at the Shradhanjali Integrated School in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21ST August : We're now in a fascinating part of the lunar cycle, so it could be time to take a quick rest. The only people who may be excused from this are Scorpios, including people born when the Moon was in this lively sign. They may be buzzing with plans for the future, although it's not yet the right moment for taking irreversible actions.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
At times like these it is increasingly necessary to remind you just how important are your home and family. However, if you fuss and worry too much you will ruin your own enjoyment as well as other people's. But if you're organising social get-togethers early this week, pull out the stops.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Taurean is a placid creature but, reluctant as you are to confess your real feelings, when the celestial spheres are impacting on your financial affairs, as they are today, you must make a point of being absolutely and totally honest, direct and straightforward.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You were born an intellectual Gemini, so isn't it about time you started using your vivid imagination and mental abilities to the full? Get your act together, stop prevaricating and make up your mind. The more you develop your intuition, the better you'll do at work.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
If you begin to feel irritated over others' lack of support, it is only because you are under such pressure and have come to expect so much. Realise that other people can only contribute in relation to their time, skill and experience. It is futile to expect more.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It is because you were born under the creative sign of Leo that you have such a strange and vivid imagi-nation. Yet, now it is other planets in other signs which are driving you to implement your vision of the future at any cost. In particular, you're about to discover your business aptitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Professionally speaking, the pace of events is picking up. Do not sit by while others take the lead. Now is the time to shed your passive image and show that you have as much initiative as any of your friends or colleagues. Waste no time. Seize the day!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A challenge from Mars lends you added vigour. There is therefore no reason to feel trapped by a relationship which has lost its sparkle or by colleagues who have failed to recognise your true worth. Break free from repressive circumstances and attitudes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is no doubt about your ability to get important projects off the ground, and every chance that your efforts will be rewarded. You can expect a reasonable degree of success, but perhaps not the triumphal victory parade you've been dreaming about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Time is on your side, and it would be foolish to rush into any financial commitments until present planetary influences have abated. You must be sure that other people will keep their side of the bargain, otherwise you will probably decide to drop out before you get in any deeper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It is other people's deep-rooted emotional insecurity which makes them unable to accept what you say and do at face value. This has been the cause of so many arguments and disputes in past years, yet now you may act to break the cycle perhaps forever.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Continuing supportive aspects from Jupiter signify that this is the ideal time to lay all your cards on the table. Just one word of advice, though: ensure that you don't overplay your hand. You do not want to overreach yourself, especially not at this stage.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Sun is now approaching another set of powerful relationships, ones which have special domestic significance. This is a sure sign that you are about to undergo either a happy return to your roots, or a shift to more spacious or comfortable accommodation.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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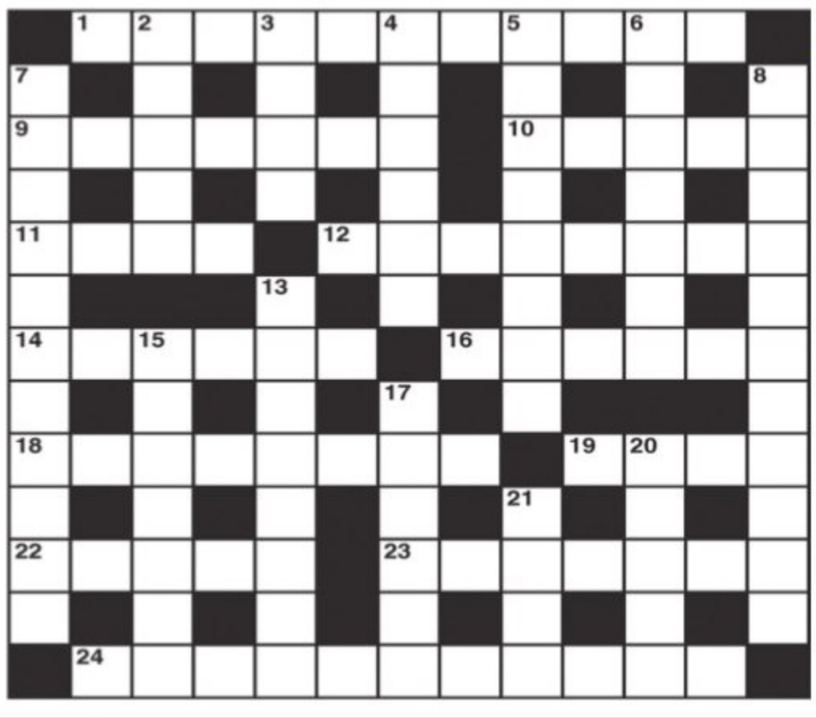

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 He may take up your case at the end of the day (5,6)
9 Type that has the right inclination (7)
10 Become a sitting tenant (5)
11 Song of happiness (4)
12 Don't forget about a person in society (8)
14 With a new clue I'd find the mathematician (6)
16 Doing nothing right in an examination (2,4)
18 One of the following? (8)
19 He will shortly create uproar (4)
22 Rear lights we hear (5)
23 Brief number is once seen around (7)
24 Such things will happen (11)

DOWN
2 In the rain an eyeshade is silly (5)
3 Welcome sort of shower (4)
4 Bill for publicity (6)
5 A pre-Raphaelite pledged to resist change (8)
6 Be equal to change in uniform (7)
7 Call the bosses - they're responsible (11)
8 His relations should be interesting (11)
13 Interest shared about a point (8)
15 Sack the one who tells (7)
17 The opposite of bustles - yet still worn (6)
20 Type which is the very best (5)
21 It turns up after an opponent (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Skates, 4 Assorted, 9 Leader, 10 Pointers, 12 Ache, 13 Party, 14 Oder, 17 Limited means, 20 Perforations, 23 Heat, 24 Greet, 25 Tiff, 28 Mainstay, 29 Derail, 30 Satirist, 31 Artery.

Down: 1 Saleable, 2 Anathema, 3 Even, 5 Stouthearted, 6 Owns, 7 Trendy, 8 Desert, 11 Land of dreams, 15 Steer, 16 Knits, 18 Dominate, 19 Usefully, 21 Themes, 22 Maoist, 26 User, 27 Deer.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

TKNIH

CREMY

GEAULP

NAOLUD

SOLD
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PORCH ALPHA DEFIED AGENCY
Answer: For the horse that had won its last three races, coming in last was a — CHANGE OF PACE

A nursing student who allegedly conned several people by impersonating a cop was arrested by the Urwa police in Mangaluru. Police have seized fake identity cards of RAW, Kerala State Police and Kerala Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, a set of khaki uniform and two cellphones from the accused, Benedict Sabu

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao interacts with health workers after launching a health camp in Gandhinagar on Sunday | EXPRESS

Appu Yojana, free health camps launched in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

HEALTH Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Sunday announced the launch of 'Appu Yojana', a scheme that aims to tackle sudden cardiac arrests as well as free state-wide health camps.

Inaugurating a health camp in his constituency, Gandhinagar, on Sunday, he said diseases like high/low blood pressure, cancer and kidney-related issues have become very common. These free health camps will help in early identification of diseases, especially in rural areas.

The 'Appu Yojana', which was announced in the state budget, was named in remembrance of Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar who died due to a cardiac arrest.

In the first phase, Jayadeva Hospital will be the hub of this project. The health department will install automated external defibrillators (AED) not only in hospitals but public places like bus and railway stations, malls and airports. This will allow people to provide immediate primary treatment in emergency cases.

EXPRESS READ

Two arrested for vandalising bakery

Bengaluru: The Byadarahalli police have arrested two auto drivers who had allegedly vandalised a bakery and assaulted the workers. The accused are Basavaraj (33) and Bharat (25). Two others are absconding. On August 16, the accused vandalised the Sri Manjunatha Cake Corner and Bakery on Tunganagar Main Road and assaulted the workers. Police said there was an altercation between Basavaraj and shop owner Chandrashekhar three days before the incident. Hence, Basavaraj planned to teach the shop owner a lesson and vandalised the shop with three of his friends. **ENS**

Muktha Centres see 4K spousal violence cases

In all, 200 doctors, 358 nurses, 169 Group D employees have been trained to ensure timely intervention

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@Bengaluru

MUKTHA Centre, an initiative started in 2021 to report cases of spousal violence and establish a health system response in hospitals, identified 4,000 patients who suffered from violence till July 2023.

The Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), in association with the National Health Mission (NHM), started the centres in seven states across India, including Karnataka. Four hospitals in Bengaluru – KC General Hospital, Jayanagar General Hospital, Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, Gosha HSIS Hospital -- and Chikkaballapur District Hospital have functional Mukhta Centres.

Madhura M Khanapur, an ophthalmologist at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital who is also the nodal officer for Mukhta Centre housed in the hospital premises, explained that healthcare professionals play a crucial role in identifying such cases early on as they are sensitised to understand if a patient has undergone violence or has any symptoms indicating assault. A doctor can understand if a bruise, pain in the abdomen, severe headache or a cut on the body is a medical condition or a result of violence/assault among women.

In one such incident, a woman had walked into her cabin with bruises around her eyes. Doctors suspected it to be a case of violence and even enquired about the cause of the bruise. However, the woman lied, saying she had been hurt by something "while doing household chores". It was only when Khanapur probed a little further that the woman shared that her husband had hit her, causing the bruises.

A Muktha report explaining the Karnataka experience, released earlier this year, found that roughly one in four women seeking counselling services were in the ages of 18-25 years. It indicates potential for early identification of violence in health settings and reduces the intensity/frequency of violence if the woman is offered timely support. The report also noted that 44 per cent women in Karnataka had reportedly experienced spousal violence which was higher than the national standards.

So far, 200 doctors, 358 nurses and 169 Group D employees have been educated and trained to ensure timely intervention in cases of violence against women.

Prarthana Appaiah of CEHAT also highlighted that the medical curriculum does not include violence, while studying poor health outcomes. Usually, they clinically treat them and do not probe much into personal matters. However, with the Mukhta initiative, victims of domestic or sexual violence were able to come forward and get counselled and seek additional help if required. The help can be related to providing emergency shelter and providing legal help in cases of separation.

Healthcare professionals play a crucial role in identifying such cases (domestic violence) early on as they are sensitised to understand if a patient has undergone violence or has any symptoms indicating assault — Madhura M Khanapur, ophthalmologist, Bowring Hospital

2 chain snatchers take vow, tonsure heads, land in jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TWO chain snatchers, who had vowed to tonsure their heads at Male Mahadeshwara Hills if they succeed in their crimes, have been arrested by the Girinangar police.

Manjunath and Yatish, who snatched a gold chain worth over Rs 3 lakh from a 76-year-old woman on August 13, tonsured their heads and offered special pooja after committing the crime.

The two kept a close watch on the routine of Shyamala, a resident of Girinagar. "The woman used to go walking in the area every day and used to buy milk packets from a store nearby. On August 13, when the victim headed for morning walk, two bike-borne miscreants snatched her gold chain," the police said.

The accused then went to Male Mahadeshwara Hills to tonsure their heads and offer special pooja as their plan was successful. "There are multiple theft cases on the two accused. After committing the offence, they went MM Hills, where they tonsured their heads and offered special pooja," the police added.

Police have recovered the gold chain and three two-wheelers from them.

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Drunk man trespasses into ASTE, held

Bengaluru: A 38-year-old man, who allegedly trespassed into IAF's Aircraft Systems and Testing Establishment (ASTE), has been arrested by the HAL police. The accused, Rajkumar from West Bengal is a daily wage labourer. The incident took place at 12.05 am on Friday. Police said Rajkumar was caught by security personnel there. "Rajkumar lived in the labour sheds close to the compound of the IAF. He entered the prohibited area under the influence of alcohol. He has been booked for trespassing," the HAL police said. **ENS**

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Gadagi Chennappa Circle (Royal Circle) Ballari-583101

NCCB/ENG/TN/2023-24 Date:19.08.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal Only)

Tenders are invited under 2023-24 Ballari City Corporation General Fund in Ballari City Corporation Limits through kppp portal, Government of Karnataka http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in as per Bid Document Registered / Renewed/ in the PWD Department from the eligible contractors for the following works as below.

Sl. No	Indent Number	Name of work	Estimated Amount (in Lakhs	Work Period
1	DMA/2023- 24 /SE0247	Estimate for engaging service providing Computer Operator/ Data Entry Operator Ballari City Corporation, Ballari	102.49	12 Months

1. Tender documents can be downloaded from the kpp portal of the Government ofKarnataka from 24.08.2023 to 30.08.2023 on or Before 17.30 Hours
2. Last date for submission of tender through kpp portal on or before 30.08.2023 at 17.30Hours
3. Date of Opening of Technical Bid on 01.09.2023 at 11.00 Hours
4. Technically Qualified Contractors Financial Bid will be opened on 05.09.2023 at 11.00 Hours
5. Transaction fee & EMD should be remitted in the kpp portal, Government of Karnataka: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

For further details contact this office e-mail ID: bellirycommissioner yahoo.co.in

Sd/- Commissioner
Ballari City Corporation, Ballari

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my Client Mr. **Devish Sahney,** S/o, Trilochan Singh Sahney, Aged about 55 years, R/at, No.13, Shangrila, Charmicheal Road, Mumbai-400026. Aadhaar No.7941 5545 5892 has Lost his Original Registered Document **No.424/1995**, on dated:16-01-1995, Registered in the office of Kelamangalam Sub Registrar Office in **Sy.No.335/4, and 337/A1,** "Meenakshi Form" as Form **No.420A, 421A, 407, 408 Parts**, measuring 1.00 (One) Acre situated at Kothagondapalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu. In this regard My Client has also preferred a Police Complaint on 18-08-2023, before the Inspector of Police, Anekal Police Station, and the Police taken Complaint on File on 18-08-2023, in **C.Miss No.200/2023,** that my Client has not created my charge over the Property covered under the above said Document. If Found, the Document may kindly be delivered to the under mentioned Address, any objection from the concerned Public will not be entertained or bind my Client after from 7 days of this Public Notice.

M. Manjunath, Advocate
Anekal-562106.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Zala Parvathi and another** have filed in the petitioner for death certificate of **Late. Zala Jitindra bhai S/o Late Ishevarlal expired on 13-09-2020.** at International Airport, Devanahalli. If any of the parties who have objections claim or dispute with regard to death certificate of Late. Zala Jitindra bhai S/o Late Ishevarlal same any other interested persons appear before the Hon'ble PRINICIPAL CIVIL JUDGE COURT AT DEVANHALLI **on 20-09-2023 in C. Mis No. 231/2023, with documents.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Chikkegowda.N, Advocates,

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the Undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Manjula D/o late. Muninagappa and others** has filed petition for death certificate of petitioners father **Muninagappa S/o late. Munivenkatappa was died on 4/9/1990** at Mylanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, fatherhusband of the petitioners, If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli **on 19/9/2023 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No. 297/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
N. Kempegowda, T.K. Savithramma, Advocates.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client **SHANTHILAL,** Aged about 57 Years, Residing at #25, Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, near Bus Stand, Bangalore North, Bengaluru is an absolute owner of the property bearing Site No. 12, measuring East to West 34.9 ft and North to South 24.9 ft., total measuring 869.01 Sq.ft bounded by East by : Shivaji Road, West by : A.C. Mothilal House, North by: Premise No.13 and South by: Hariram's House.

My Client had lost the Original sale deed during the transit while visiting the Bank loan purpose. Inspite of several efforts the Original Deed bearing document No.2646/1973-74 dated 13.12.1973, Shivajinagar has not found and he lodged the police complaint through online dated 19.08.2023 Vide No.0691085/23.

If anybody is having any claim / objections / custody over the above mentioned original documents or if found the same they shall communicate or contact or return the same to below mentioned address.

SHIVASHANKAR BOLAJADAR, Advocate
#76, 1st Floor, 10th Cross,
Coconut Avenue Road, Malleshwaram
Bengaluru-560003. Ph +91 8050467298

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Selection of Operator for CIDCO Bhoomiputra Bhavan at Ulwe, Navi Mumbai (3rd Call)

1. Name of the Project: Selection of Operator for CIDCO Bhoomiputra Bhavan at Ulwe, Navi Mumbai (3rd Call) 2. Name of Development Authority: City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (CIDCO) **3. Existing Facilities:** I) Multipurpose Hall II) Kitchen III) Auditorium with Balcony IV) Training Centre V) Two level basement Parking. The facilities are more particularly detailed out in Schedule I of the Volume 2: Draft License Agreement. **4. Eligible Entities :** A bidding entity can be any of the following I) Individual business entity II) Proprietorship firm III) Limited Companies IV) Corporation other than limited companies V) LLPs with technical and financial capabilities stipulated in eligibility Criteria. **5. Bid Processing Fee:** ₹70,800/- (Rs. Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred only) (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable)) **6. Bid Security:** ₹50,00,000/- (Rs. Fifty Lakhs) in the form of online payment gateway mode / FDR / an irrevocable Bank Guarantee issued by National / Scheduled Bank in favour of "CIDCO Ltd." payable at Mumbai / Navi Mumbai. The Bid Security shall be valid for not less than 180 days from RFP due date, inclusive of claim period of 30 (Thirty) Days. **7. Signature Authority:** Authorized Representative / Signatory **8. Project:** Operation and maintenance of CIDCO Bhoomiputra Bhavan at Ulwe, Navi Mumbai. **9. Submissions in RFP Stage:** Technical and Financial Capability Commercial Proposal

Bid Document along with Bidding programme will be available on the website https://mahatenders.gov.in from 22/08/2023 at 17.01 Hrs

Superintending Engineer (D & U)
CIDCO/PR/254/2023-24

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Sri **Chikkamuniyappa and others** have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Basavaraja S/o Chikkamuniyappa was died on 24-10-2018,** at Konaginabele Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Addl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 15/09/2023 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis.No.300/2023,**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Gangadhara .M, Advocates,

BEFORE THE HON'BLE XXX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P& SC No. 446/2023 (CCH-31)

BETWEEN:1 Mr. Rajesh Renganathan S/o late Mr. G Renganathan Late Mrs. Sumathi Renganathan Aged about 58 years Residing at 817, 2nd D Cross, 8th Main, HRBR Layout 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar Bangalore-560043 **2.Sml. Reena Anil Kumar** D/o late Mr. G. Renganathan and Late Mrs Sumathi Renganathan Aged about 63 years Residing at #21. Block 3-A (beside Chamundeshwari Apartment). 13th Cross Road, VV Mohalla. Mysore-570002 Previously residing at No 13 Temple Road, Opp Canara Bank Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru-570012

PETITIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named Petitioners have filed a Petition in this Hon'ble Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act,1925, praying for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners No. 1 and 2, with respect to the properties listed under **Schedule 'A'** herein, left by Mr. G. Renganathan, demised as on January 30, 2017 and Mrs. Sumathi Renganathan, demised as on December 27, 2021, father and mother of Petitioner Nos 1 and 2 herein. Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a Pleader duly instructed on the **29th day of September 2023, at 11.00 AM** @CCH-31 to show cause against the Petitioners, failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE A
SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

Item No.1: All the monies, including any amount of interest that may have accrued, comprised in the accounts held in the name of Late Mrs. Sumathi Ranganathan, bearing the following account numbers: **1.** No. 64117798295, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **2.** No. 64187077597, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **3.** No. 64187077609, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **4.** No. 64187077610, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore, **5.** No. 64187077621, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **6.** No. 64197851711, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **7.** No. 64197851722, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **8.** No. 54004496467, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **9.** No. 64122106821, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **10.** No. 64140184569, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **11.** No. 54004512505, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. (PPF Account)

Item No.2: All the monies, including any amount of interest that may have accrued, comprised in the accounts held in the name of Late Mr. G. Renganathan, bearing the following account numbers: **1.** No. 64140184569, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **2.** No 64187077597, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **3.** No. 64187077609, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **4.** No. 64187077610, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **5.** No, 64187077621, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **6.** No. 64197851711, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore. **7.** No. 64197851722, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore: **8.** No. 54004511986, State Bank of India, Cooke Town branch, Bangalore, (PPF Account)

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the 16th day of August 2023.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate Name and Address:
NDS Law Partners:
Attorneys at Law
Level -3, Millers Arcade 1/1, Millers Road
Bangalore -560 052 Court Bangalore

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ACT 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 16.08.2023

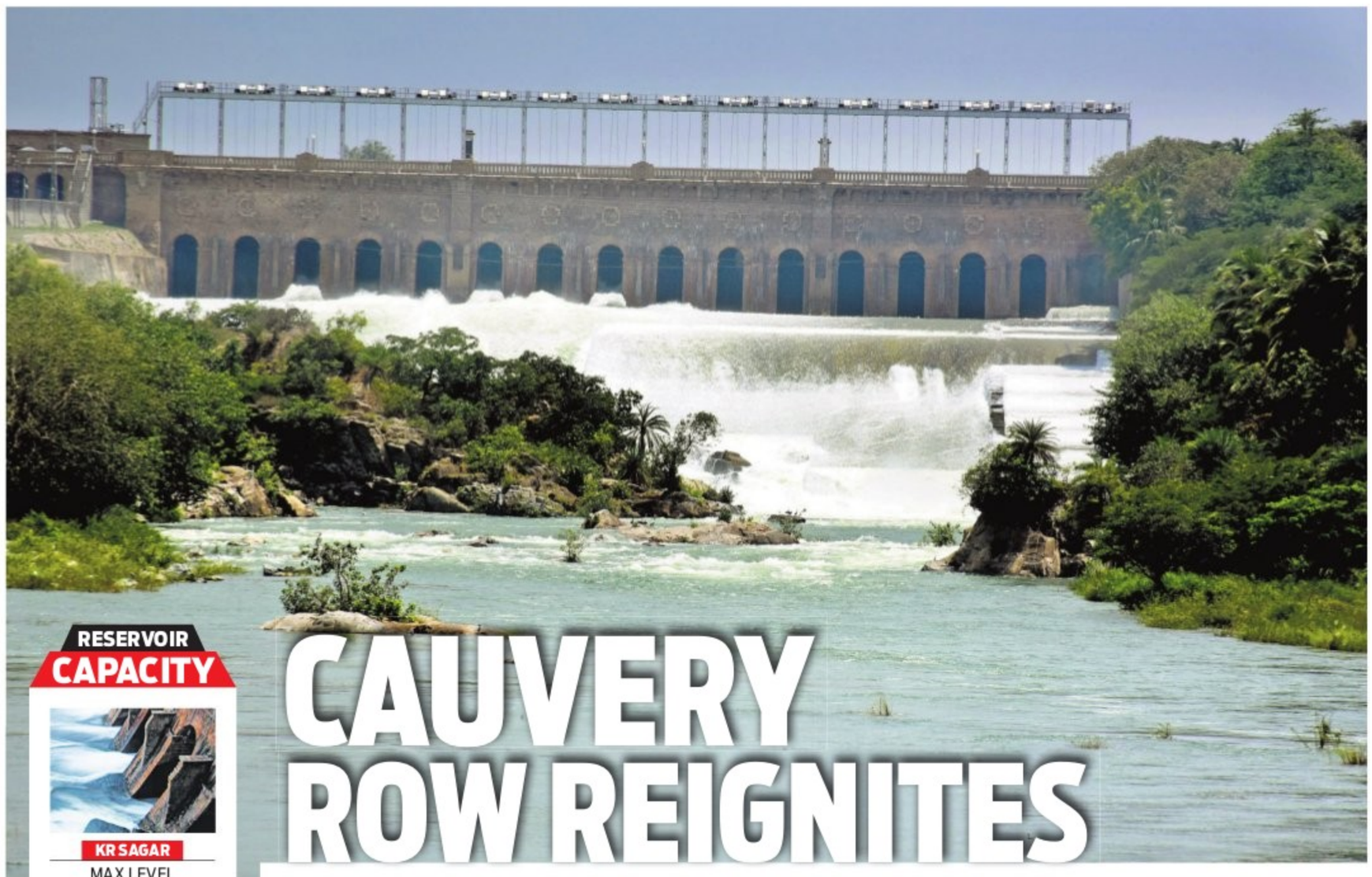
Sl. No	Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
1	**Applicant: Sri B.V.Shivakumar, Surety: Smt P.Saritha** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.49, (in erstwhile Sy.No.91, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) Old Khatha No.554/A/885/A, present BBMP Khatha No.49/554/A/885/A, Kote, Kodipalya Road, Near Vidhyapeeta, Kengeri, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 ft and North to South : 40 ft totally measuring 1200 sq.ft and bounded on East By: Property No.50, West By: Property No.48, North By: Property No.43 & South By: Road.	**18,68,348/- + Int. thereon 16.08.2023**
2	**Applicant: Sri N.Muniraju, Surety: Sri M.S.Mukesh** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.19, Old Site No.1600, situated at 33rd Main Road, Magadi Road, Chord Road, Extension, now comes under BBMP Jurisdiction, PID No.36-28-19, Ward No.36, New Ward No.104, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 23'6" and North to South : 38'+38'6"/2 totally measuring 898.87 sq.ft and bounded on East By: Site bearing No.1600/A, West By: Site Bearing No.1599/A, North By: Site Bearing No.1592 & 1593, South By: Road.	**19,39,833/- + Int. thereon 16.08.2023**
3	**Applicant: Sri.S.Nagendra Jois, Surety: Smt Tara N.Jois** All that piece and parcel of the entire Second Floor bearing New No.298/2, constructed in the site No.298, situated at 13th cross, 2nd stage, West of Chord Road, Nagapura, Mahalakshmipura, Bangalore. Now comes under the limits of the BBMP, Bangalore, BMP Ward No.14, PID No-14-103-298/2 Bangalore, the site measuring East To West:40 ft and North To South : 60 ft., totally measuring 2400 sq.ft. With 1/3 rd un-divided share in the site No-298 and bounded on East by: Site No.297, West by: Site No.299, North by: 13th Cross, South by: Site No.283.	**55,74,032/- + Int. thereon 16.08.2023**
4	**Applicant: Sri.Ramu, Surety: Smt Manjula M** All that piece and parcel of Vacant site bearing katha No.664/165/97/97/2, Gramatana No.97, situated at Gunjur Palya, Ward No.147, Varthur, Bangalore. measuring East to West: 68 ft and North to South : 26 ft totally measuring 1768 sq.ft and bounded on East By: Property belonging to Smt.Venkatamma, West By: Property belonging to Sri.Muniraju, North by: Road & South By: Property belonging to Sri.Dasappa's children.	**18,14,273/- + Int. thereon 16.08.2023**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16.08.2023

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has invited Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to launch the Gruha Lakshmi scheme in Mysuru on August 30



CAUVERY ROW REIGNITES

Monsoon failure leads to 39 per cent deficit water in reservoirs, leaves farmers in anxiety; lack of a distress formula compounds situation for Karnataka

RESERVOIR CAPACITY

KR SAGAR
MAX LEVEL
49.452 tmcft
CURRENT LEVEL
30.59 tmcft

HEMAVATHI
MAX LEVEL
37.103 tmcft
CURRENT LEVEL
29.837 tmcft

HARANGI
MAX LEVEL
8.25 tmcft
CURRENT LEVEL
7.505 tmcft

KABINI
MAX LEVEL
19.52 tmcft
CURRENT LEVEL
16.30 tmcft

*AS ON 18.8.2023

K SHIVA KUMAR

AFTER three years of bountiful rain, the monsoon is playing truant this year, and the ominous clouds of confrontation loom over Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for the Cauvery waters.

The weak monsoon and dry spell in the last couple of weeks, and fall in inflow into reservoirs has ignited another confrontation with farmers and activists taking to the streets against the release of water to Tamil Nadu. The total watershed of the Cauvery basin is 81,155 sqkm, of which its catchment area of about 34,273 sqkm is in Karnataka, 2,866 sqkm is in Kerala and the remaining 44,016 sqkm in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

The Cauvery catchment area falling in Kodagu district has recorded 50 per cent less rain compared to last year -- it received 2566mm as against 5675mm during the corresponding period in 2022. Kodagu district received less than 70 per cent rain compared to 2021-2022, and the uneven rain and weak monsoon have left paddy farmers worried; they fear that they will lose the only crop grown in rainwater.

The Kabini catchment falling in Wayanad region of Kerala, which is expected to receive normal rainfall of 1829.1mm, has received 991mm, which is a 52 per cent deficit. The situation is also alarming in Hemavathi achukat, where the catchment area of Mudigere and Sakleshpur has received deficit rainfall of 36 per cent. The region received 357mm rain as against normal rainfall of 554mm.

Even as three months of monsoon that started in June are coming to an end, farmers in Cauvery achukat are already up in arms as irrigation officials have refused to give water for the kharif crop. The Irrigation Consultative Committee meeting recently decided to use 'On and Off' system (15 days a month) to supply water for semi-dry crops.

Paddy and sugarcane being prominent crops, farmers who had prepared for paddy cultivation anticipating good rain could not take up paddy transplantation or long-term crops like sugarcane as there is no sufficient water for 6.5 lakh acres in achukat of Hemavathi, KRS, Kabini and Harangi in the Cauvery basin.

BIG PICTURE

Though the cumulative storage of the four major dams in the Cauvery basin in Karnataka is 114.57 tmcft, the storage on Friday was 71.47 tmcft, which is a 38 per cent deficit when storage in all four reservoirs was 104 tmcft during the corresponding period last year.

Karnataka is unable to meet Tamil Nadu's demand for water, but has fallen in line, abiding by the Supreme Court's directions, and discharged 10tmcft of water as against TN's claim for its share of 27tmcft of water, in accordance with the Tribunal's verdict.

Though the Cauvery water sharing dispute is adjudicated by the Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal, lack of a distress formula and silence on sharing water in distress years has created confusion and led to fraught situations as both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have expanded irrigation area beyond limits and violating the cap has also added to their worries.

An irrigation expert felt the Cauvery River Authority headed by the Prime Minister, and chief ministers as members, irrigation secretary and others should arrive at a consensus to come up with a distress formula to end the over century-old water dispute as it is an inter-state basin.

The Karnataka opposition has pointed at Tamil Nadu for increasing the area of Kuruvai crop cultivation from 1.8 lakh to 4 lakh acres, and adding drinking water schemes. The reluctance of farmers to shift to new crop patterns and avoiding growing water-intensive crops like paddy and sugarcane has only compounded the issue as both states are firm on protecting their interests.

This has made Opposition BJP and JDS turn the tables on the ruling Congress, accusing it of failing to protect the interests of farmers. The farmers have taken to the streets and threatened to intensify the stir if the crest gates are not closed, and accused the authorities of banning Karnataka's farmers from growing paddy and giving water for the kuruvai crop in Tamil Nadu.

Feeling the heat of criticism from the farming community and Opposition, the government has decided to approach court. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has stated that they will appeal to court to reconsider its ruling, directing the state to release 10tmcft of water. He sought Tamil Nadu's cooperation, and promised to meet the neighbouring state's demand if there is good rain, and also sought cooperation for the proposed Mekedatu project.

The ground reality in Karnataka would make it difficult to oblige Tamil Nadu as it is committed to protecting the farmers' interest and also meeting the drinking water needs of Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya and other towns.

If the Cauvery basin fails to receive rain in the next couple of weeks, and inflow into reservoirs does not improve and farming activities are affected, it would bring back memories of the bitter conflict between the states. The dry spell and drought-like situation will also lead to political turmoil as the Opposition parties in both states may try to corner the ruling governments.

Many political observers feel that politicians from both states should restrain from making emotional or provocative statements, which may lead to hardline confrontation and confusion among farmers on both sides.

Former managing director of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam D Shivashankar said there is no distress formula, and Karnataka should release water based on inflow of water during distress. He said Tamil Nadu usually keeps dams full and uses the water for irrigation much before the onset of the monsoon. However, he feared that releasing water from Kabini will affect crops on 1.2lakh acres and the distress should be shared by all four reservoirs that are not filled due to a poor monsoon.

CHRONOLOGY OF A WATER WAR

1892
Water dispute starts between Madras Presidency (under British rule) and Princely State of Mysore; Madras disagrees with Mysore administration's proposal to build an irrigation system

1913-1916
Mysore govt writes to Madras Presidency, seeking permission to build a reservoir, leads to a dispute with arbitrator giving Mysore permission to construct dam of up to 11tmcft; the verdict was challenged

1924
Issue is resolved, Madras and Mysore reach an agreement to allow Mysore to build dam

1929
Agreement reached to clarify 1924 agreement, allowing construction of Krishnaraja Sagar dam, and to specify exactly how much water would be released to Madras

1931
KRS dam becomes functional

1934
Mettur dam becomes functional

1974
50-year agreement lapses between Madras Presidency (now TN) and Princely State of Mysore (now Karnataka)

1986
Tamil Nadu approaches Centre to set up tribunal for Cauvery water sharing

1990
After Supreme Court direction, Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal set up, headed by Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee

JUNE 1991
CWDT passes interim award, asking Karnataka to release 205tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu every year. It also directs Karnataka not to increase irrigated land area from existing 11,20,000 acres, results in widespread dissatisfaction and violence in the two states

1991
In December, CWDT's interim award notified by Centre after Supreme Court strikes down ordinance issued by Karnataka, upholds award

1998
Cauvery River Authority (CRA) constituted for implementation of interim award of CWDT

2002
CRA directs Karnataka to release 9,000 cusecs of Cauvery water per day to Tamil Nadu

2007
CWDT passes final award, allots 30tmcft to Kerala, 270tmcft to Karnataka, 419tmcft to Tamil Nadu, 7tmcft to Puducherry, and 14tmcft reserved for inevitable environmental flow into sea

FEB 2013
Centre notifies final award of CWDT

MARCH 2013
Tamil Nadu moves SC, seek directions for constitution of Cauvery Management Board

MAY 2013
Tamil Nadu moves SC, seeks damages from Karnataka for not following orders of CWDT

AUG 2016
Tamil Nadu files petition in SC, seeks direction to Karnataka to release water

SEPT 2016
SC directs Karnataka to release 15,000 cusecs a day till Sept 15; Karnataka releases 10,000 cusecs from KRS dam to Tamil Nadu. After widespread unrest in state, Supreme Court modifies direction, asks Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs a day till September 20

SEPT 2017
SC bench reserves verdict

2018
On February 16, Supreme Court reduces allocation of Cauvery water from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu; directs Karnataka to release 177.25tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu from its inter-state Biligundlu dam. Judgment clarifies that Karnataka will now have enhanced share of 14.75tmcft of water per year, while Tamil Nadu will get 404.25tmcft, which will be 14.75tmcft less that allotted by tribunal in 2007

DISTRESS SEASON

1. **21%** deficit rain in Hemavathi catchment area
2. Only **70%** storage level in four reserviors
3. **38%** deficit storage in reservoirs
4. Paddy, sugarcane prominent crops
5. Cauvery basin has around 6 lakh acres
6. Farmers against denial of water for paddy crop
7. Told to grow semi-dry crops

BJP swings into action to pacify MLAs bound for Cong

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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THE BJP high command, which had asked former chief minister BS Yediyurappa to ensure that the MLAs who had joined the party under his leadership in 2019 do not quit the party, is not depending on him entirely. It has roped in other state leaders as well to set the house in order.

If most of the 17 MLAs quit BJP to join Congress, it will have an impact in some 15 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, making it almost impossible for the party to retain the 28 seats it had won in the state in 2019. That was the reason Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Yediyurappa over phone, sources said.

Since many of these rebel MLAs have not paid heed to Yediyurappa, the party high command has given the task to other state leaders from the Vokkaliga community, including CT Ravi, Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje and former union minister DV Sadananda Gowda.

They are trying to pacify Yeshwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar, also a Vokkaliga, who has seemingly made up his mind to join Congress. As a last-ditch effort, the party has suspended its senior workers CM Maregowda and Dhananjaya, who had alleged that Somashekhar joined hands with JDS to defeat the party candidates in the Assembly polls.

Shobha, who is also in the race for the party state president's post, is trying to bring back those who quit the party just before the 2023 Assembly polls, a BJP source said.

Somashekar, who held a meeting with his supporters recently, has allegedly chalked out a plant to send his supporters to Congress. He and KR Puram MLA Byrati Basavaraju did not attend a meeting called by Yediyurappa recently, further fanning speculation that they could quit BJP.

"They have no reason to listen to Yediyurappa now. They have become opportunistic to identify with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah," a BJP leader said. Another party leader, however, was confident that no one will quit the party. It is a Congress tactic to divert the attention of the people from the rift widening between Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar over the chief minister's post, he claimed.

CM Siddaramaiah pays floral tributes to former CM D Devaraj Urs to mark the latter's birth anniversary, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Govt planning to name Electronics City after Urs

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramiah on Sunday said the state government is planning to rename Electronics City after former chief minister Late D Devaraj Urs. Speaking during a programme to mark the birth anniversary of Urs, Siddaramaiah said it was the former CM who made Bengaluru the 'Silicon Valley' of India. At the event, former minister and senior Congress leader Kagodu Thimmappa was conferred with the Devaraj Urs Award.

HDK: CID report on fake letter looks fishy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FORMER CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy has cast doubts on the government inquiry into the 'fake letter' allegation against Agriculture Minister N Chaluvaraya Swamy.

"The accused (Chaluvaraya Swamy) himself is answering all the queries. Looks like the police have given a report to the minister. What kind of inquiry is this?" he said. The CID report was to safeguard the government and the minister, he added.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Kumaraswamy said the two agriculture department officials, who had raised a complaint against the agriculture minister, were arrested by the CID police. This proves there is corruption in the department in transfer of officials.

"Chaluvaraya Swamy, who is an accused, is giving answers and statements on behalf of the state government. How can this be accepted? We want to know whether the report by the CID will be given to Home Minister Parameshwara or CM Siddaramaiah? But it looks like the report has been already given to the minister who is an accused," he said.

"Within just a week, how did the police manage to crack the case. Even the minister gave statements which was in his favour. The inquiry looks suspicious," he added.

Two people were killed and 22 others sustained injuries after an APSRTC bus plunged into a valley at Vanjangi Kanthamma viewpoint in Andhra Pradesh. The incident took place at 2.30 pm on Sunday

Won't stop until NEET is exempted in TN: DMK

TN ruling party challenges AIADMK to join protest outside PM's residence in New Delhi

PTI @ Chennai

ARCH-RIVALS DMK and AIADMK on Sunday crossed swords over National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test (NEET) with the ruling party in Tamil Nadu challenging the AIADMK to join it in a protest outside the Prime Minister's residence in New Delhi while the opposition party said the exam came into existence during the Congress-led UPA regime. The DMK was a key constituent of the UPA coalition.

The ruling DMK held a day-long hunger strike seeking abolition of NEET, even as its president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin said the demand was not political in nature but was being sought by all those who seek "social, equitable education." Stalin assured all efforts will be taken to ensure NEET exemption for the state, as his son and cabinet minister Udhayanidhi led the party's state-wide hunger strike demanding the abolition of the test.

The DMK will not stop till Tamil Nadu gets exemption from the central qualifying test for medical courses, Stalin said, while the opposition BJP slammed the ruling party in the state for "politicising" NEET.

Udhayanidhi said the party won't stop with today's agitation and that it would even stage a protest in Delhi over the issue. Stalin also took a swipe at Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi, saying now that the matter is with the President, the Governor's job is only that of a "postman" who has to pass on to Rashtrapati Bhavan matters taken up by the state Assembly. The ruling party's hunger strike was held throughout the state except in Madurai where the AIADMK held a massive state conference today. In the temple city, the NEET strike will be held on August 23.

The DMK is opposed to NEET, saying it is against social justice, insisting it favours the urban students and those having access to coaching centres. The party is also generally opposed to entrance exams for professional courses.

D'gere family death in US: Double suicide murder suspected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Davanagere

THE death of Davanagere-based family of three is suspected to be a case of double suicide murder, based on the initial investigation by the Baltimore county police.

The trio were found dead from gunshot wounds in their Kenilworth Drive, Baltimore County home in Maryland on Saturday, said Baltimore county police spokesperson Anthony Shelton to The Baltimore Sun newspaper. The deceased were identified as Yogesh H Nagarajappa (37), Prathiba Y Amarnath(35) and Yash Honnal(7).

"The incident appears to be a double murder-suicide Nagarajappa committed," Anthony Shelton said

They were reportedly last seen alive on Tuesday evening, police said, adding that an autopsy would be conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer to determine the manner and cause of death.

"I am deeply saddened for the innocent victims whose lives were cut short by this horrific act. We will do everything possible to assist the family and community members following this tragic incident," a statement by Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski read.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Venkatesh MV visits the bereaving relatives

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Dr Venkatesh MV visited the bereaved family at their Vidyanagar house in Davanagere on Sunday and apprised them about the steps taken by the district administration, state and central governments in repatriation of the bodies.

DC told TNIE that he is in constant touch with, consol general Manjunath, deputy consol general Varurn and the Indian Embassy officials at US. He said the Baltimore county police is investigating the incident.

Teacher owns 2 hotels: Sources

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SOURCES said Dinakar Shetty owns two hotels, one in Murdeshwar and another in Bhatkal. A video of Shetty beating up his hotel staff in Bhatkal had gone viral sometime ago. Shetty had also gone on leave for 728 days, citing a 'back pain' as the reason, and his appeal for unpaid leave was approved by a medical board at the department level, the sources added. Shetty, who is also the president of the Udupi District Government Primary School Teachers' Association, had landed himself in a controversy when he took part in the victory procession of Byndoor MLA Gururaj Gantihole after the latter won the recent Assembly election.

Lawrence D'Souza told TNIE that the parents kept complaining about Shetty's absence in the school and he had to bring it to the notice of the BEO. Head teacher of the school Janardhan Patagar too has been suspended for not taking action against Shetty.

AIADMK chief EPS gets 'Puratchi Tamilar' title

PTI @ Madurai

IN continuing AIADMK's legacy of 'revolutionary' titles, its general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami was on Sunday given the title "Puratchi Tamilar", making him the "Revolutionary Tamil". He now joins AIADMK stalwarts, both late chief ministers -- founder M G Ramachandran (MGR) and J Jayalalithaa – to be called a revolutionary.

While MGR was 'Puratchi Thalaivar', his protege Jayalalithaa was 'Puratchi Thalaivi', both meaning revolutionary leaders. Party workers would often hail them by these titles. On Sunday, in his first show of strength after being chosen the top leader at the end of a power tussle with the now expelled rival O Panneerselvam, Palaniswami was given the title by a group of priests from various faiths. Shouts of 'Puratchi Tamilar' rent the air as his colleagues and party workers chanted the new title of their leader.

EPS, as he is known, was elected general secretary in March. The party had then announced holding a massive state conference in this temple town in a bid to enthuse the party cadre ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, where the AIADMK is seeking to boost its electoral prospects. In the 2019 Parliamentary elections, AIADMK won just one seat.

The much publicised party conference coincided with its golden jubilee anniversary.

ONAM ON

Various art forms and tableaus depicting Kerala's rich cultural heritage on display during the Athachamayam procession in Tripunithura on Sunday, marking the beginning of 10-day Onam festivities | A SANESH

Probe on to know why drone crashed

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VIDEOS and images taken by the villagers show the UAV totally broken with its equipment inside scattered on the field.

"DRDO is briefing the Defence Ministry and an inquiry is being carried out into the specific reasons behind the crash," sources said.

DRDO stated on X, formerly Twittter, "TAPAS UAV was undergoing an experimental flight trial today morning from ATR Challakere, Karnataka. During the flight, a technical snag was encountered and the UAV crashed in a nearby farmland. The technical reason is being investigated and there is no collateral damage."

EXPRESS READ

Drug addict kills mother, held in Chennai

CHENNAI: A 25-year-old man was arrested on Saturday for allegedly killing his mother in Royapettah on Friday. The police said the man enacted a suicide drama to escape arrest. Ice House police identified the arrested accused as Rakesh Varshan. He was working from home for the past two years. He was allegedly a drug addict and often used to get quarrel with his parents and assault his mother.

IndiGo confirms incident, terms passenger unruly

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LATER, when another flight attendant went to ask him to pay up for what he had ordered, Ahmed put his hands inside his pockets as if to take out cash and made an obscene gesture, the FIR states.

The flight reached Terminal 1 of KIA at 6.15 pm. Ahmed got up hurriedly to alight when yet another woman flight attendant asked him to remain seated for some time. He, however, misbehaved with her too.

Before landing, the cabin crew had alerted the Central Industrial Security Force personnel about the incident. They were waiting for his arrival and took him into custody as soon as he stepped out of the flight, the police said.

Ahmed was taken to the police station and an FIR was filed against him on Friday night. The complaint was filed by an official of IndiGo.

IndiGo confirmed that an incident occurred on board its flight. A statement from the carrier read:

"An IndiGo crew member on flight 6E1128 from Maldives to Bengaluru on August 18, 2023, was the victim of inappropriate behaviour by a passenger. As per protocol, the passenger was declared unruly, and handed over to the airport security on arrival. An FIR has been filed against the passenger with local police and the matter was referred to the authorities for further action."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owners 1)Mr.Sree Deepak Elangovan S/o S.Elangovan, 2)Mr.Ravichandran Ramaswamy S/o Late PK. Ramaswamy, 3) Mrs.Alli W/o.Late R Ezhil Paari, All are Residing at No. #65, Ramaswamy Illam, 6th Main, B-Block, Vinayaka Nagar, Vinanapura, Bangalore - 560017. If any person/s or Institution, Authority, etc., have got any right, title, claim and interest of whatsoever in nature on the Schedule Property, are hereby required to communicate the same along with supporting documents to me at my office within **FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** from this day. Otherwise, the Sale Transaction will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No.65, formerly HASB Khatha Old No.383, New Number 383/B, situated at Konena Agrahara, Murugeshpalya, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, previously comes under HAL Sanitary Board Area, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 square feet area come to be known as 5th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, B-Block, consisting of ground, first and second floors building, and bounded:

East by : Road, **West by :** Property bearing portion of HASB Khatha No.383, **North by:** Property bearing HASB Khatha No.378 **South by:** Property portion of Khatha No. 383

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the Notice of the general public that my clients **(i) Mr. PRADEEP KUMAR**, son of Dhakan Das, aged about 32 years, Mother Theresa Raod, Near St. James Church, Mariyanna Palya, Bengaluru 560 024 and **(ii) Mr. TUNTUN DAS** son of late Chattru Prasad Das, aged about 40 years, presently residing at No. 55, Ground Floor, Mother Tereasa Main Road, 1st Cross, Mariyan A Palya, Bengaluru 560 024, intend to purchase the property more fully described in the Schedule 1 and 2 respectively hereinunder from **Mr. C. AROKYA SWAMY**, son of Chowrappa D, aged about 65 years, presently residing at No.9/10, 3rd Main, Raghavendranagar, Near Eye Care Centre, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru 560 016, who is the absolute owner of land in possession. If any person/s having any manner of right, tittle, interest, share or claim what so ever over the schedule property may file their objections in writing to the under signed within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this publication, along with documentary proof after that, we treat that, have no claims/objections in respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE 1

(Site being purchased by Pradeep Kumar)

All that piece and parcel of Site No.01, Assessment No. No.23/5, falling in Survey No.23/5 situated at Mariyannapalya Village, Dasarahalli Dhakle, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 55 feet and North to South 18 feet, in all measuring 990 sq.ft. and bounded on the : **East by :** Anthonamma's Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Francis House, **South by :** Site No.02

SCHEDULE 2

(Site being purchased by Tuntun Das)

All that piece and parcel of Site No.02, Assessment No. No.23/5, falling in Survey No.23/5 situated at Mariyannapalya Village, Dasarahalli Dhakle, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 55 feet and North to South 27 feet, in all measuring 1485 sq.ft. and bounded on the :**East by:** Anthonamma's Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.1, **South by :** Remaining southern portion of same Survey No.23/5

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Time Extension Notice – III

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the invited "e"-Tender Notice No: 4e/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 for "SITC of 220 KV XLPE Armoured Power Cable with all accessories including dismantling of the existing 220 KV Oil Filled Cable at 4X60 MW Chibro Power House"by the office of Executive Engineer (G) Chibro Power House is hereby extended as follows: -

Last date of submission of bid in the portal : 23-08-2023 up to 17:00
Last date of submission of hard copy : 24-08-2023 from 15:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of the bid Part- I on website: 26-08-2023 from 11:00
All other condition shall be same as previous. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

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The Public are hereby notified that my client **Chandrashekhar Nayaka**, S/o Lakshmana .S.T. has agreed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owners Smt. Padma Bai, W/o Sri. Gajaraj Singh, R/at No.21, "Jyothi Nilaya" 4th Cross West, L.N. Colony, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560022. If any person/s having any right, title, claims, interest/objections, over the Schedule Property or any portions thereof in any manner should lodge the same in writing to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice, along with copies of all the relevant documents being relied upon. If no objections or claims registered, my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the Schedule Property, asserting as there were no claims against the schedule. property. Any claims received after 15 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing House No.28 (old No. 1205/B), having New PID No.037-W0007-47 (Old PID No.3-136-28) situated at 1st "E" Main, Gokul 1st Stage, 4th Phase, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560 022, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet admeasuring 1500 Sq.feet with building consisting of Ground and First Floor and bounded on :**East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Private Property.

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Tender No.-Lr.No.TSTS/CS/T-FIBER/2023

TSTS on behalf of the Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation, Govt of Telangana issues OCB tender call notice inviting proposals from reputed Legal Firms for Empanelment & Engagement of Legal Firm for Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation (T-Fiber).

Queries related to Tender document to be submitted through email by **25-08-2023 @ 4.00 PM.**

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https://tender.telangana.gov.in

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E-Procurement Notice

Tender notification No:CPMPT-10/2023-24 of APCPDCL/CGM (P&MM), Dt:19-08-2023

APCPDCL invites online bids under e-procurement for Procurement of **(1)** SCADA compatible 11kV 24V DC Feeder Permanent Magnet Actuator(PMA) Operated mechanism type outdoor VCBs with control & Relay panels with IED Relays -345 **Nos (2)** SCADA compatible 11kV 24V DC LV Permanent Magnet Actuator(PMA) Operated mechanism type outdoor VCBs with control & Relay panels with IED Relays -74 **Nos. (iii)** SCADA compatible 33kV 24V DC HV Permanent Magnet Actuator(PMA) Operated mechanism type outdoor VCBs with control & Relay panels with IED Relays-40 **Nos.** Tenderers can have further details and download the tender schedules from e-Procurement market place from 21-08-2023 i.e., tender.apeprocurement.gov.in (Published by APCPDCL). Ph:0866 2955455 & Email:cgmpmm.cpdcl@apcpdcl.in.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-STP) K&T Valley

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW: REQUIREMENT OF PROJECT ASSISTANTS ON TENURE BASIS

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1.	Mechanical/ Production Engineering/ Metallurgy/ Material Science & Engineering	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech	23	04-09-2023
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3.	Civil Engineering	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech	02	07-09-2023
4.	Computer Science/ Info Tech/ Info Science	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech / B.Sc (CS/IS/IT) **PLUS** M.Sc (CS/IS/IT)	25	11-09-2023
5.	Electronics/ Electronics & Communication/ Telecommunication/ Electrical & Electronics/ Electronics & Instrumentation	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech / B.Sc (Electronics / Telecomm) **PLUS** M.Sc (Electronics/ Telecomm)	48	14-09-2023

Note-1 : Incase of more number of candidates (a) A written test will be conducted for screening of candidates for Interview and (b) The Interview may be extended to the next date also.

Note-2 : For Criteria-3 (as mentioned below) : Written Test is mandatory and candidates qualifying in it will only be allowed to give the interview.

2. Essential Qualification: Candidates should have the required qualification in any of the criteria as mentioned below :

Criteria-1	**Subject (for Sl No.1 to 5 above):** B.E / B.Tech in First Class from a recognized University **PLUS** a valid GATE Score **OR** B.E / B.Tech **PLUS** M.E / M.Tech both in First Class from a recognized University OR B.E / B.Tech in First Class from a recognized University **PLUS** Two years post-qualification experience in the relevant field/subject.
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3. **Procedure for attending the Walk-in-Interview / Written Test:**

(a) Candidates are advised to bring neatly typed application form (Bio-data) strictly as per the format available on ADA website **https://www.ada.gov.in** without fail alongwith latest passport size photographs, original certificates with mark sheets with a set of self-attested copies.

(b) **Venue:** Candidates with qualifications as above are invited to attend the Walk-In Interview on the specified dates as mentioned above at: **ADA Campus-2, Suranjandas Road, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru – 560 075.**

(c) **Reporting Time:** Candidates may report to the venue on the specified dates (as applicable to their Subject) between 08:30 to 11:00 AM for registration & verification of documents. **No candidates will be allowed for registration after 11 AM.**

4. For Downloading the application format and general conditions/guidelines on the Walk-in interview notification, candidates may please log-on to ADA website **https://www.ada.gov.in**.

5. Genuine queries (if any) may be sent by mail to **admin-hr.ada@gov.in**.

Director (Admin & HR), ADA

If we are to achieve things never before accomplished we must employ methods never before attempted

Francis Bacon

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— Ramnath Goenka

CONGRESS LOOKS FOR BALM TO TREAT ITS KEJRIWAL HEADACHE

AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal attacking the quality of the Congress-led Chhattisgarh government's schools and the grand old party's prickly riposte showed the limitations of the Opposition alliance, dramatically christened INDIA barely a month ago. Both sides appear bent on proving Union home minister Amit Shah's prophecy that the AAP would have no use for INDIA after the Delhi services bill is put to vote in the Rajya Sabha. With the Opposition failing to defeat it in Parliament, Kejriwal has started going ballistic. By design or otherwise, the first stone arguably was thrown by Delhi Congress leader Alka Lamba, who said a meeting convened by party president Mallikarjun Kharge in the presence of Rahul Gandhi advised the cadre to make strong preparations for elections in all seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi. The AAP hit back saying its participation in INDIA would be meaningless if the Congress wanted to go it alone in Delhi. The latter then disowned Lamba, saying the decision on the Delhi alliance will be taken by the high command, adding she was not authorised to speak on such matters. With the Delhi controversy still simmering, Kejriwal took a swipe at the Chhattisgarh administration at a convention of party workers in Raipur, where he made 10 guarantees if the poll-bound state were to vote the AAP to power.

The guarantees include free power; monthly dole to all women; free quality school education; mohalla clinics; monthly allowance to the jobless youth; and regularising contractual employees. The politics of guarantees helped both the AAP and the Congress wrest power in different states. But in states where the AAP is weak, as it is in Chhattisgarh, it would end up helping the BJP by taking a slice of the Congress vote share—like it did in Gujarat. If Kejriwal launched the broadside only to force the Congress to the talks table on Lok Sabha seats in Delhi and Punjab, implicit in it would be the presumption that voters are ignorant and malleable. That assumption would be a big mistake.

AAP is like a vulture that preys largely on Congress voters. Any truce would deny it the fodder it needs for growth. As the saying goes in Hindi, "Ghoda ghas se yari karega to khayega kya?" (What would a horse feed on if it were to strike friendship with grass?) Incompatible AAP is a burden on the Congress, not a force multiplier.

CLIMATE WOES THROWING FOOD SECURITY INTO TIZZY

The government has pressed the panic button on inflation. After retail inflation in July soared to a 15-month high of 7.44%, the government is trying to ease the inflation pressure through various measures, the latest being disincentivising onion exports by levying a duty of 40%. In July, the government banned exports of non-basmati rice, while the ban on wheat exports continues for over a year now. The consumer food inflation soared to 11.5% year-on-year in July, driven mainly by vegetables (37% y-o-y), cereals (13%) and spices (21%). While the government would like us to believe that the latest round of food inflation is largely seasonal—and prices would ease in a month or two—the truth is that climate change concerns are now materialising.

High food inflation across the world is due to the change in weather patterns, untimely rains, incessant floods and droughts. India is no exception to this as we are witnessing the driest August since 1901, thanks partly to the El Nino effect, where higher-than-normal temperatures in the Pacific Ocean disrupt the movement of monsoon winds over the Indian Ocean, resulting in lesser monsoon rains for India. We are already in the midst of an ongoing El Nino effect, and agriculture experts predict a drop in the production of Kharif crops (rice, soyabean, maize, etc) this year. India is the largest exporter of rice—it exported $11 billion worth of rice to over 150 countries in 2022–23). Its decision earlier to ban the non-basmati rice exports has not gone down well as this move has created a food security crisis in the world, which was already suffering due to the disruption in wheat exports thanks to the Ukraine war.

With the disruption in weather patterns so evident, food security will be a big challenge facing the world. According to a World Bank estimate, 345 million people in 82 countries faced acute food insecurity in June 2022, a 155% rise since 2019. As one of the major players in the trade of agricultural products, India might hold a few important cards in the fast-changing geopolitical space. But it has to play its cards right, balancing internal and external priorities. India has, in the past, banned exports of wheat, rice, sugar and even onions to control domestic prices. But with the impacts of climate change becoming severe and food security issues becoming acute, India might find it difficult to effect one-sided export bans without attracting reprisals.

QUICK TAKE

CENTRAL SERVICES SHORTAGES

The Indian bureaucracy is short of 1,365 IAS and 703 IPS officers, excluding vacancies in other central services. The concerned minister blandly told Parliament, "Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process." But the situation indicates lacunae in personnel planning. Something should explain the shortages when direct recruitments through UPSC and lateral entries in senior Central positions are up along with promotees from state civil services. Top bureaucrats notice the following flaws: Sub-optimal officer utilisation, select officers' extension, reluctant movement of officers from the states to a "centralised" Centre, and the states hiring non-cadre officers to cadre posts to overcome shortages.

Punishment rather than justice was central to the colonial laws. So, there was a need to look at them comprehensively and draft new legislation attuned to the Indian situation

CRIMINAL LAW: CONTEMPORISE, INDIANISE, HUMANISE

A SURYA PRAKASH

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

The rather exhaustive changes the Union government proposes in the country's criminal laws is a major initiative to Indianise, contemporise, and humanise them. They have largely remained untouched since their promulgation during the British Raj.

After a thorough exercise spread over several years, Home Minister Amit Shah came up with three bills—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (Indian Penal Code), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (Criminal Procedure Code) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (Indian Evidence Act). They seek to overhaul the criminal laws in the country comprehensively.

While the Indian Penal Code is from 1860, the Criminal Procedure Code has been in vogue since 1882, and the Indian Evidence Act has been in force since 1872. As Amit Shah said, the British made these laws to suit the colonial rulers, not the people of the land, and these laws were symbols of slavery. Punishment rather than justice was central to these laws. Therefore, there was a need to look at them comprehensively and draft new legislation attuned to the Indian situation and context.

This exercise is also in tune with the desire of PM Narendra Modi to review British laws and repeal the ones which have no relevance. Why have so many outdated laws remained in the statute book till now? As the prime minister said, this is the result of 'Kalpana Daaridriya' (poverty of imagination) that has bogged this country for decades after Independence. Also, sheer laziness among those who governed the country.

While it is true that these laws underwent some changes since Independence, it must be said that particular exigencies necessitated most amendments. For example, following the tragic rape and murder of Nirbhaya in 2012, in which one of the accused was a juvenile just under 18, lawmakers relooked at the definition of a "juvenile", subsequently allowing, under the Juvenile Justice Act of 2015, for juveniles between age 16–18 to be tried as adults if they are accused of heinous crimes. Similarly, following a considerable number of dowry deaths in North India in the 1970s and 1980s, the criminal law was amended to incorporate provisions specific to "dowry death" and to prescribe strict punishments. An amendment also put the onus of proving innocence on the husband and his relatives in cases where a woman died in unnatural circumstances with evidence of cruelty and dowry demands within seven years of marriage—304B (IPC) as well as 113A and 113B (Indian Evidence Act).

However, no government ever considered having a 360-degree view of the criminal laws and criminal justice system to Indianise these and discard the vestiges of British rule.

Another significant aspect of the proposed changes is the attempt to contemporise the law. The proposed changes make it mandatory for police to electronically record the proceedings during search and seizure operations. They also enable courts to record testimonies via video conferences and collect evidence stored on mobile phones, computers or pen drives. The new Evidence Act has declared: "Nothing in the Adhiniyam shall apply to deny the admissibility of an electronic or digital record in the evidence on the ground that it is an electronic or digital record and such record shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as paper records." Thus, technological advances were factored in. Similarly, the amended laws promote the use of forensic science in gathering evidence.

Apart from modernisation, the new bills seek to humanise criminal laws because the electronic recording of search and seizure and testimonies will ensure a fair deal for the accused and hasten trials. All these measures relate to the human rights of persons charged with crimes. Another significant attempt to humanise the law is evident in the provision in the new CrPC which directs jail superintendents to notify undertrials completing one-third of the maximum sentence and release them, pending completion of the trial. The deletion of sodomy from the penal code is yet another example of the attempt to humanise the law.

Finally, a word about scrapping the law on sedition. While the government gave in to the demand to remove "sedition" from the list of offences, it chose not to close its eyes to activities that disturb the unity and integrity of India or imperil its sovereignty. In other words, while 'Raj Droha' (activities perceived as anti-government) is no longer an offence, 'Rashtra Droha' (anti-national actions) deserves the severest punishment. The sedition provision (Section 124A) in the IPC awarded severe punishment to a person who, through words, signs, or visual representations, "brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt or excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India". This was the core of the sedition provision. It stands excluded. It has been replaced by Section 150, which says, "whoever … excites or attempts to excite, secession or armed rebellion or subversive activities, or encourages feelings of separatist activities or endangers sovereignty or unity and integrity of India" shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment up to seven years. But this excludes the disapprobation of the government's measures to seek their alteration by lawful means.

Section 150 is a must to preserve the nation's unity and integrity, but the exclusion of Raj Droha ensures against curtailing freedom of expression. It seems the government has drawn a fine distinction between activities against the government and activities against the nation.

The new law pays special attention to offences against women and children and brings them all under one separate chapter—Chapter V—and under sections 63 to 97. The law pertaining to gangrape has been made more stringent and persons indulging in gangrape of a woman below 18 years of age can be awarded the death sentence. Earlier, the death sentence was prescribed only if the girl was below 12 years.

On a lighter note, one must say that since the overhaul of the Indian Penal Code, citizens familiar with some of its provisions which have entered the popular domain, like Section 302 for murder and the even more popular Section 420 for cheating, will have to familiarise themselves with the new numbers in the revised IPC. It will now be Section 99 for murder and Section 316 for cheating.

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WHAT THE VOICE OF THUNDER SAYS

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

With the thunder booming regularly during the ongoing monsoon, I would like to retell a favourite childhood story that left a big impression on me. Only later did I discover that it is a foundational Indian story from one of the oldest Indian books, the *Brihadaranyaka Upanishad*. The name can be translated as 'The Teachings of the Great Forest'.

Comprising six sections, the book is a collection of parables, thoughts, hymns and philosophical debates. This key book in Indian theology is said to have been authored around 700 BCE by the ancient lawgiver Rishi Yajnavalkya. Among other things, it speculates on the cause of Creation and attempts to define man's place in the scheme of things, including a moral code to live by. It argues that though there may have been nothing in the beginning, there is a Supersoul or Super-consciousness at work beyond the matter and energy that now exists.

In the fifth section of the *Brihadaranyaka Upanishad*, Rishi Yajnavalkya teaches his students about the nature of human duty through a story, popularly called 'What the Thunder Says':

Brahma the Creator, hailed as Prajapati, the All-Father, created three races. The celestials or *devas*, the humans or *manushyas* and the titans or *asuras*. They were made to respectively inhabit the three realms of the Universe—the celestial world called 'Swarga', the earth in the middle called 'Prithvi', and the netherworld called 'Patal'.

Proud to exist and eager to please, yet not entirely sure about how to live, the three races decided to go together to the All-Father, and said, "Please instruct us."

The All-Father accepted their greetings with a pleasant nod. But he looked them over with a critical eye before saying anything.

The celestials were light, airy beings bathed in light. They had named their realm 'Indralok', after their king Indra. It was a fair dominion in which they chased the lightning, played with the thunderclouds and rode the rain. They had everything that they could possibly want. They were free from hunger, thirst, pain and perspiration. The flower garlands they wore were ever-fresh and their feet did not touch the ground. They were not required to toil or work for anything and would never grow old and die. There was music and dance in their realm and golden goblets of mead, the honey drink. They were the Immortals to whom the ones below had to offer sacrifices so as to obtain their favour and cooperation.

The All-Father noted silently that the *devas*, particularly their leader Indra, had the beginnings of a crafty, libidinous look. They had plunged wholeheartedly into enjoyment and had a raffish, self-indulgent air.

He said to them, "This is my instruction to you: Da." He said but that one word—Da.

"Have you understood what I said?" he asked.

"Yes, we understand, All-Father."

"Well done. Then follow that teaching."

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He looked next at the earthlings. Unlike the celestials, they were an interdependent race. Their realm, Earth, was full of danger. They were exposed to the fury of the elements and to the shiftings and heavings of their physical terrain. Mountains rolled great boulders down on them, mighty rivers broke their banks and washed them away, wolves and tigers tore them apart and insects bit them, causing pain and disease. Sickness, old age and death claimed each one of them; no earthling could escape that. They had to work very hard to obtain the smallest ease or pleasure.

And although they were clearly interdependent, the earthlings had proved greedy. They wanted to grab everything and hoard everything, be it cows, land, gold or women. With each acquisition, they wanted more and more.

The All-Father shook his head slightly. A fine mess there. But what immense potential these puny earthlings possessed—they just didn't know it. With observation, hard work and leaps of imagination, these disgraceful creatures had more creative power than even the celestials. And for all its perils, Earth was so astoundingly beautiful that even the celestials secretly coveted it.

"The *devas* have a certain…sameness," thought the All-Father. "But my earthlings are wholly unpredictable except in their greed. It will be a pleasure to watch them grow and do new things, and find their better selves."

Putting on a stern face, he said "Da" again. He then asked the earthlings, "Did you get my meaning?"

"Yes, All-Father," they chorused. "Very well, follow that instruction," he said.

He looked next at the titans, a large, lumbering race of giants. The *asuras* loved their realm, Patal, with its many treasures. Precious stones and minerals sparkled on its walls, silvery underground streams cooled the air, and great, iridescent serpents played with them. But the *asuras* did not know their own strength, and hurt the weak. "They are capable of greatness but their fatal flaw is their temper, which makes them cruel. However, they too are an honourable race and keep the universe in balance. If only they were not so jealous of the confident celestials and the persistent earthlings," thought the All-Father.

"Da" he said to the titans, and like the others, they also meekly answered that they had understood the meaning. "Go then and follow this instruction," he said.

And this syllable was understood differently by each race, according to its nature, said Rishi Yajnavalkya.

The celestials understood "Da" as "Damyata", meaning "Self-restraint". The All-Father had told them to exercise self-control on their pleasure-loving natures and live up to the dignity of their position.

The earthlings understood "Da" as "Datta", meaning "Give, be generous." This was the only way that an interdependent race could survive and thrive—doing the right thing by its weak, its elderly and its destitute, and be mutually supportive to flourish.

The titans understood Da as "Dayadhvam", meaning "Be merciful," which teaching instructed them to curb their natural ferocity. Each race went away satisfied with the All-Father's teaching.

When the thunder rolls "Da! Da! Da!" it echoes the voice of the All-Father, reminding us of our eternal watchwords.

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Rebranding spree

Ref: *Rebranding spree is a vote magnet* (Aug 20). Prabhu Chawla points out very legitimately that India needs new cities rather than renaming the existing ones. Like he says, the administration wants to rename the existing ones during election times, and the latest one is the suggestion to rename Kerala as Keralam.

Dr M Haneef, email

'Indianness' essential

It may be true that rebranding has become fashionable for political gains. But when the Britishers left India, is it not a fact that many ancient names were either misspelled or intentionally changed? After Independence, the government of the day should have restored those names to have a semblance of Indianness. But it was overlooked, perhaps as a tool of appeasement.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Caste survey

This is with reference to *OBC politics in for churn after SC nod for Bihar caste survey* (Aug 20). Giving power to the states to conduct caste surveys is dangerous as some may release biased and distorted reports. The politics of caste is bound to continue in any case. Our nation can be considered progressive only if reservation is abolished.

R Kasthurirangan, Bengaluru

Cauvery row

This is with reference to *Cauvery row: K'taka to go to SC on Monday* (Aug 20). Both TN moving the SC to make Karnataka release 24,000 cusecs of Cauvery water as well as Karnataka's decision to go to the SC on Monday seem hasty and sans dialogue. Nevertheless, the SC's decision is desirable as a long-term practical solution in the interest of both states is required.

P V Prakash, Mumbai

Onion prices

Ref: *40% export duty slapped on onions to keep prices cool* (Aug 20). This is a welcome move. The announcement might have come with an eye on the forthcoming elections in some states later this year and general elections next year. The move will help consumers who would otherwise have to shell out more for buying onions, a kitchen staple.

Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

Rural inequality

Ref: *End the Sarpanch pati menace* (Aug 20). It is a continuing tragedy: even though 50% reservation for women is mandatory in panchayat elections, they willingly hand over the authority to husbands. This is due to lack of education; one wonders if this patriarchal mindset at the rural level will change.

H R Bapu Satyanarayana, Mysuru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Bhupesh Baghel @bhupeshbaghel
Due to the government schemes, 40 lakh people of Chhattisgarh have come out of the poverty line. This is what the report of Niti Aayog is telling.

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Selectively terminating Kashmiri employees by wrongfully dubbing them as terrorist sympathisers & pro ISI has been normalised. The accused has no chance to prove his innocence.

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
There is a movement of stray animals on the national highways. Due to herds of animals sitting in the middle of the roads, there is a possibility of road accidents.

₹115 crore scholarship funds 'siphoned'

Internal inquiry of Ministry of Minority Affairs reveals 'embezzlement' spread across the country; CBI told to probe

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AT a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi misses no opportunity to attack corruption, an alleged embezzlement of funds running into Rs 114.83 crore has reportedly been detected with the scholarship programme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

According to a media report, around 53% of institutions that availed of the scholarship benefits have been found to be "fake." The disclosure has surfaced across the country after a report, quoting the internal inquiry of the ministry was carried in a monthly magazine.

The report said that embezzlement of funds meant for scholarships for minority youths was suspected to have occurred between 2007 and 2022. The BJP was not in power when the scheme was introduced in 2007-08, but it allegedly continued till 2022.

The media report quoting an internal inquiry of the Ministry of Minority Affairs has stated that the embezzlement was routed to 830 institutions. Union minister Smriti Irani immediately referred the case for further investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation on July 10.

Sources, quoted by a media report said that the inquiry was reportedly conducted in 100 districts in 34 states. As many as 830 out of 1,572 institutions looked into were reportedly found to be involved in it.

The accounts of the accused institutions have also reportedly been frozen. The scholarship programme in the Ministry of Minority Affairs was started in 2007-08 for the minority students in the country.

The institutions found that non-existent and non-operational bodies availed benefits of the scheme fraudulently.

The reports said 62 institutions registered under the Ministry of Minority Affairs were detected non-operational in Chhattisgarh while in poll-bound Rajasthan 99 institutions were found to be non-operational In Assam, according to a media report, 68% of institutions were found to be either fake or non-existent.

Such irregularities have been found in other states, including UP and Karnataka too.

According to a report, one bank branch in Kerala also disbursed 66,000 scholarships, exceeding the registered number of minority students for scholarships.

As a report further claimed, the alleged irregularities have also been detected in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Amit Malviya , in-charge of BJP's national information and technology department and a member of the party's national executive, said on Sunday, "The scholarship schemes, namely Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship and Merit-Cum-Means were introduced by the erstwhile UPA in the year of 2007-8. Prior to 2014-15, funds were released directly to the state governments/UTs without any mechanism to verify the applications and map the rightful use of funds".

He also said that in 2014-15, a fundamental change was introduced in disbursal of funds and the scheme was implemented on DBT via existing software based out of Hyderabad.

> **It was only in 2016-17 that the scheme was shifted to the National Scholarship Portal and implemented on DBT developed in Delhi. Thus began digitisation of scholarship**
>
> Amit Malviya, BJP's NIT dept in-charge

"It was in 2016-17 that the scheme was shifted to the National Scholarship Portal and implemented on DBT developed in Delhi. Thus began the process of digitisation of scholarships," Malviya said.

He said as the digitisation progressed, it was observed that INO, DNO and SNO ecosystem carried forward from the UPA era misused their authority and kept compromising on the veracity mechanism established through the NSP.

WHAT THE FRAUD IS ABOUT

Embezzlement
₹114.83cr
misappropriated from fund meant for scholarship of minority youth

Period
The fraud happened during
2007-22

Probe
CBI investigation ordered

Extent of Fraud
About 53%
of institutions which availed of the scholarship benefits found to be 'fake'

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66,000
scholarships were disbursed by one bank branch in Kerala

IN ABSOLUTE NUMBERS, **830** OUT OF **1,572** INSTITUTIONS LOOKED INTO WERE INVOLVED IN MISAPPROPRIATION

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BJP MAY PUT UCC ON THE BACK-BURNER, PLAY UP IPC, CRPC

Union home minister Amit Shah met BJP members of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs last Thursday and asked them to thoroughly study the three new bills he brought to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Indian Evidence Act. The BJP MPs were told to widely publicise the provisions of the new bills, besides expediting the finalisation of the committee report for passage in the winter session of Parliament. The bills were tabled in Parliament in the monsoon session and referred to the Standing Committee. Sources said the BJP MPs were informed that the stringent provisions in the new bills would rein in the 'tukde tukde gang' and the 'love jehadis' and give wide-ranging powers to the police, including extended custody of arrested persons, seizure of electronic and digital devices and evidence, attachment of perceived proceeds of crime, etc to deal with 'anti-national' elements. In this context, their attention was drawn to the new provision to criminalise the sexual exploitation of women by hiding identity and broadening the definition of sedition. The IPC Section 124A, dealing with sedition, stands repealed. Instead, a new Section 150 is being introduced. Section 150 reads as follows: "Whoever, purposely or knowingly, by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or by electronic communication, or by use of financial means, or otherwise, excites or attempts to excite, secession or armed rebellion or subversive activities, or encourages feelings of separatist activities or endangers sovereignty or unity and integrity of India; or indulges in or commits any such act shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine." The use of open-ended terms such as "excites", "attempts to excite", (encourages) "feelings" (of separatist activities) and "subversive activities" gives the new law more teeth than the previous one. Sources said the BJP leadership is contemplating putting the Uniform Civil Code on the backburner and using the bills to bring the issue of national security to the centre stage.

Watali judgment was a 'death-knell' to personal liberty: Former SC judge

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

CRITICISING the Supreme Court's ruling of upholding wide investigative powers of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), former top court judge **Justice Deepak Gupta** said ED officials "have been given every police power but they are held to be not police officers".

Delivering a lecture in a series organised by a media house, he said: "PMLA judgment is, in my opinion, even a bigger blow than the Watali judgment. It turns the criminal law on its head. Even if we presume that the material placed by the police is right and accepted as a gospel truth, why cannot the court see all the material which has been collected and decide whether the same shows the prima facie case or not? The officials of the ED have been given every police power...but they are held to be not police officers."

The top court in NIA vs Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali case had barred dissecting of prosecution materials at the stage of bail. Justice Gupta said that the judgment was a "death-knell" to personal liberty as the ruling made it impossible to get bail. "We live in a country which is governed by the Constitution and we cannot be deprived of our liberty except in accordance with the procedure established by law," he said.

Terming court observations in the Zakia Jafri's ruling regarding human right activist Teesta Setalvad that resulted in her arrest the next day "as uncalled for", Gupta said a constitutional court must be careful while making such observations.

"Observations which affect the liberty of the citizen. Can court make such observations without even giving notice to the person against whom such observations are being made? Does not this go against the very principle of fair hearing?" he asked.

Centre raises buffer target to 5 LT to check onion prices

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AHEAD of important assembly polls that will set the tone for the Lok Sabha election early next year, the Union government is adopting multi-pronged measures to keep the onion prices under check. The onion prices have seen around 20 per cent spike in last two weeks.

After imposing a heavy 40 per cent duty on exports, the government has now increased its onion buffer target to 5 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT), out of which it has already accumulated around 3 LMT.

In this regard, the Department of Consumer Affairs has directed agencies like National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to procure an additional 1 LMT each.

These agencies were also directed to calibrate disposal of the procured stocks in major consumption centres.

The NCCF will use mobile vans from Monday to ensure availability of onions at a subsidised rate of ₹25 per kg. Retail sale of onion will be suitably enhanced by involving other agencies and e-commerce platforms. With these, the Centre expects improvement in domestic availability of onions.

On Saturday, it had imposed 40 per cent export duty on onions with immediate effect up to December 31, 2023.

Disposal of onions from the buffer has already begun. The NCCF and NAFED has been targeting major markets in states and Union Territories where retail prices are above the all-India average or are significantly higher than the previous month.

According to the Ministry of Consumers Affairs, around 1,400 MT of onions from the buffer has been dispatched to the targeted markets till date.

Traders say the retail prices of onion would cross ₹50 by early next month as the new onion harvest is scheduled for October.

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AGENCIES' ROLE

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RETAIL PRICE OF ONION MAY CROSS **₹50 EARLY** NEXT MONTH, ACCORDING TO TRADERS

Poll Preparations

BIHAR MOVES FIRST TO STITCH TEAM INDIA SEAT PACT

The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) is started talking about seat-sharing. Sources said a broad understanding has emerged among the opposition alliance's main constituents in Bihar over the seats they would contest. However, there is some friction over three or four Lok Sabha seats out of total 40. The two main constituents of INDIA in the state – chief minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and Lalu Yadav's RJD — will contest 15 seats each, leaving the remaining 10 seats for the Congress and the Left parties. The Congress wants to contest eight seats. It has laid claim to Navada, Madhubani, Katihar, Aurangabad, Kishanganj, Sasaram, Supaul and Begusarai. The CPI(ML), which has emerged as the largest Left party in Bihar, wants two seats — Arrah and Siwan. But sources said it may get only one. One will go to CPI. The CPI wants Begusarai, but Congress has claimed the seat for Kanhaiya Kumar, president of Youth Congress and previously president of the JNU students' union. The JD(U) has 16 sitting MPs from Bihar, and the RJD has none. The RJD, however, has more MLAs than the JD(U). The two parties have, therefore, decided to contest an equal number of seats.

1,500 CCTVs, 60 speed control devices to fortify surveillance of Char Dham NH

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE under-construction all-weather national highway — Char Dham Mahamarg in Uttarakhand — will be equipped with a comprehensive traffic incident management system (TIMS), which will detect and respond to any traffic incidents or people in emergency in a timely and effective manner.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has set the ball rolling for appointing the 'system integrator' to bring the entire 835-kilometre (km) network under real-time surveillance by installing about 60 speed monitoring devices, accident or incident detection systems at about 150 locations and nearly 1,500 CCTV cameras.

The system will enable authorities to respond quickly to accidents, congestion and roadblocks due to reasons including but not limited to natural disasters, said officials.

As part of the system, a command centre will also be set up, which may come up in Dehradun, during the first phase. The Centre will be integrated with existing units and control dealing with similar situations of different departments and agencies such as District Disaster Management Authority, VAHAN, Indian Meteorological Department, Central Water Commission, Indian Space Research Organisation including health, tourism and state emergency operations centre.

According to the ministry, the Char Dham highway development project is more than 70 per cent complete. Out of 825 km under the project — improvement of five National Highways (NHs) connecting four noted religious sites, namely Badrinath, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Gangotri including Tanakpur to Pithoragarh section of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra — the length of about 601 km has been completed. The project was announced in 2016 and it was scheduled to be complete by March 2022.

The system, to be implemented in three phases, will also cover 170 km of Uttarkashi-Ghansali-Tilwara route in the state.

Once the system is in place, a standard operating procedure (SoP) will be formulated in coordination with the concerned departments of Uttarakhand government for notification of any incidents, their responsibilities and associated integrations to ensure the efficient operations.

The ministry will appoint a Project Management Unit (PMU) with a dedicated Project Manager to oversee the design, implementation and operation of the project. A Governance and Steering Committee will also be formed with the key senior functionaries of the ministry and the state government as its members for management of the TIMS.

Comprehensive traffic management system

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Nepal set to resume military ties with China

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

NOTWITHSTANDING that India and Nepal are friendly neighbours and share a 1,850 km open border, Nepal can't help but maintain friendly relations with its other neighbour China. Nepal and China are set to resume their military engagement that was stopped after the pandemic, and it was invited as the country of honour at the just-concluded South China expo in Kunming.

Nepal is set to restart its joint bilateral military and defence cooperation with the resumption of military exercises between Nepalese army and the People's Liberation Army (PLA). The Nepalese army officers will also resume attending the National Defence Course (NDC) in China.

"Major General of the Tibet Military Command of the PLA, Yue Ande, is in Kathmandu and held talks of the Nepalese Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma. This indicates the resumption of military engagements between the two nations," says a source, adding that Major General Yue is leading an eight-member border defence delegation.

It is learnt that Nepalese army officials will be attending the national defence course in China under the 'Sagarmatha Friendship'.

Nepalese Vice-President Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the South China Expo in Kunming, China | TWITTER

The military exercise that India has with Nepal is called 'Surya Kiran' and was last held in December 2022. These exercises with India have been going on for past 18 years.

Though dates on the military drills between Nepal and China are yet to be announced, said a source, this will be on a smaller scale when compared to the ones they have with India or the USA.

"The joint exercises will basically cater to fighting insurgency, disaster response and management and also high-altitude warfare," the source added.

Meanwhile, Nepal's Vice-President Ramsahaya Prasad Yadav had a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Nepal was invited as the country of honour in the South Asia Expo and had taken along a 100-member Nepalese delegation.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry statement read that Yadav told Wang Yi that Nepal and China are close partners who cooperate and support each other in various fields, including strategic cooperation and building mutual trust.

"We are willing to work with the Nepali side to promote development and prosperity-oriented strategic partnership of friendship," Wang said. "The two sides should continue to promote the construction of trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network and jointly build high-quality projects under the Belt and Road Initiative, speed up the feasibility study of cross-border railways, and help the development and revitalisation of Nepal," it said.

Nepal is the country of honour in the South China Expo. Vice President Yadav, Education Minister Ashok Rai, some senior government officials and around 100 Nepali business delegates are taking part in the expo.

"Nepal can neither block nor ignore either of its neighbours. People within Nepal are critical of the government being too dependent on both these neighbours rather than work on their internal development. However, geo-politics and sharing of borders on both sides will give Nepal no choice but to liaise with both India and China and strive to strike a balance.

RAJIV REMEMBERED

Congress workers in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi – former Congress stronghold – paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his 79th birth anniversary on Sunday and carried out a 'sadbhavna rally'

3 DISTS IN NAGALAND SHUT SCHOOLS AS CONJUNCTIVITIS CASES RISE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	25	Mumbai	29	26
Bhopal	30	24	Panaji	30	27
Jaipur	35	26	Patna	35	28
Amritsar	37	28	Lucknow	32	26
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	34	26	Imphal	27	22
Srinagar	31	18	Chandigarh	34	26

Ridding MP of Bimaru tag biggest achievement: Shah

Says 18 years of Chouhan govt a golden period, dares Congress leaders to release similar 'report card' on decades of its rule in the state

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Union home minister Amit Shah with MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Bhopal on Sunday| PTI

MP report card: Major claims of BJP

MP tops the country in wheat exports with **45%** contribution to the national figure

1.36 crore people have come out of the Below Poverty Line in last five years

The state has distributed more than **₹3.62 cr** Ayushman Bharat Yojana cards

Per capita income in MP which stood at ₹12,000 in 2003 is now at **₹1.40 lakh**

In ten years of Cong-led UPA regime at Centre, **₹1.98K cr** was sanctioned by Centre to MP

But in the nine years of Modi government, **₹8.33K cr** have been allocated to MP

Over **44 lakh** women benefitted under the PM Matru Vandana Scheme

Quality of rural roads developed under PM Gram Sadak Yojana in MP is the best

Right now, Shivraj Singh Chouhan is our CM. We're now into elections. Allow the party to do the remaining work

Amit Shah on CM face

UNION home minister Amit Shah on Sunday released a detailed report card of more than 18 years of BJP rule in Madhya Pradesh. While releasing 'Garib Kalyan Mahabhiyan Report Card 2003-2023', Shah credited the BJP governments in the state and the Narendra Modi government at the Centre for "removing the tag of 'BIMARU' (laggard category) from the state".

He dared the Congress and its key leaders – former CMs Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh – to release a similar detailed report card on decades of Congress rule in the past.

"Since 1956, when a separate MP state was created, to 2003, barring for five six years, MP has largely been a Congress-ruled state. MP being bracketed among the BIMARU states, was a legacy of the Congress regimes of the past. But it was the BJP governments, first headed by Uma Bharti and Babulal Gaur and later for over 16 years by incumbent Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan which removed the tag of BIMARU from MP. This period is a golden period in MP's history. We appeal to the nine crore people of MP to rely on us and help build MP into a completely developed and self-dependent state in next five years," Shah said while sharing comparative facts and figures of various parameters of development of pre-2003 era and the 2003-2023 period.

Shah said BJP wants development to take centre-stage in the upcoming polls as the Congress party has traditionally pushed dynastic politics, casteism and appeasement politics into every polls.

"We've released report card of our successive governments, now the Congress, instead of misleading people on other issues, should respond to our development card. I dare them to come out with report card of their decades of governance, including the 15 months of Kamal Nath government, when political vendetta was taken to tehsil level, the Gariba Kalyan schemes of our governments were either stopped or crippled and rampant corruption and flourishing transfer industry was established," he said.

Later, when journalists asked who will be the CM if the party is again voted to power in MP, Shah said, "Right now, Shivraj Singh Chouhan is our CM, we're now into elections. Now, allow the party to do the remaining work."

When queried on the BJP giving tickets to sons, daughters and daughter-in-law of its senior politicians in the first list of 39 candidates released recently, Shah said, "Don't dilute the issue of dynasty politics by raising the fielding of a few candidates on the basis of their merit. For us, Parivar ki Rajniti (dynastic politics) means ownership of a political party or government by a single family, which is clearly visible in parties, like Congress, SP, Shiv Sena (Uddhav) and the DMK."

When asked why despite being in power at the Centre, the probe into scams allegedly involving Congress leaders and kin, like Agusta Chopper scam with which Kamal Nath and kin have often been linked by the BJP, the home minister said, "We haven't initiated action in corruption cases based on political vendetta.The probes are under way, which are best exemplified by Congress leaders often alleging misuse of agencies. The pace of probes are based on rules and procedures of courts. If this question asked to me is sponsored by Kamal Nath Ji, then he has made a mistake by getting it asked, as it may raise the pace of the probe."

After releasing the 2003-2023 BJP regime's report card of MP in Bhopal, Shah attended the concluding session of BJP's expanded state working committee in Gwalior.

GUWAHATI DIARY

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Disgruntled BJP leader quits over delimitation

The delimitation of constituencies in Assam has stirred a hornet's nest. BJP veteran and former Union minister Rajen Gohain (in pic) resigned from the cabinet-level post of chairperson of Assam Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited. He was upset over the delimitation of Nagaon constituency that sent him to Parliament four times. Gohain felt it would now be difficult for BJP to win from the seat. Portions of the constituency were included in the Kaziranga segment. The Kaliabor seat, currently represented by Congress' Gaurav Gogoi, was renamed as Kaziranga. Gohain is among "old BJP" leaders.

Unique BMI-based fitness regime for cops

The Assam Police has embarked on a journey to make its personnel healthier and fitter. To achieve this goal, it launched a 15-day digitised Body Mass Index (BMI) test. DGP, GP Singh was the first to take the test, who cleared it with a BMI of 25. The exercise is being carried out at 35 other locations across the state. Singh said the Assam Police has taken a pledge to make the personnel healthier and fitter. "After the results of BMI are out, those falling in obese category will be advised to go to police training college. They will be supported by government doctors," he said.

Leader's death by suicide rattles Assam BJP

The ruling BJP in Assam has been rattled by the death by suicide of a party leader. Indrani Tahbildar took the step after her intimate photo with Anurag Chaliha, a fellow BJP leader, went viral. Chaliha, who has been arrested, allegedly took money from some people promising jobs. When he failed to do so, an armed man allegedly forcibly took away the former's phone. Later, the photo got leaked. The police arrested Diban Deka, a former BJP leader, in the case. Opposition Congress said Indrani's case exposed how women are vulnerable in Assam. Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said BJP in Assam has become a "den of criminals and repeated offenders."

A monumental moment for India: ISRO

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"THE powered descent is expected to commence on August 23, 2023, around 1745 Hrs. IST," confirmed ISRO on X, formerly Twitter. Post the deboosting operation, the Lander will undergo a reorientation to 90 degrees, a position deemed optimal for a safe landing. After Vikram LM descends to an altitude of around 100 metres, it will conduct thorough scans to identify potential complications. If no issues are detected, the lander will make a soft landing on the Moon.

ISRO in a message also said that the soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 "is a monumental moment" for India. "It generates a profound sense of pride and unity as we collectively celebrate the prowess of Indian science and technology. It will contribute to fostering an environment of scientific inquiry and innovation," it added, while encouraging all to watch the live telecast on August 23.

Jadavpur ragging death: Fate of ongoing probe uncertain as dean resigns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

THE Dean of Science at the Jadavpur University – who was the head of an internal committee set up to probe a student's death following an incident of ragging – tendered his resignation on Sunday triggering murmur about the fate of the ongoing enquiry.

Subinay Chakrabarty's resignation came a day after West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose appointed Buddhadeb Sau, a mathematics professor, as the officiating vice-chancellor of the university. The premier institution in Kolkata was being run without a VC.

Chakrabarty, as the head of the internal eight-member probe committee, visited the hostel building where the victim fresher was staying and collected statements of many students which pointed towards suspected incidents of ragging which apparently led to the tragedy.

Chakbaraty was in-charge of the university in absence of the registrar of the institution on August 9 when the tragedy took place. The committee also sent a report to the University Grants Commission (UGC) on Saturday described that ragging seemed to be one of the "probable causes" behind the student's death.

Chakrabarty, however, mentioned personal issue as the reason behind his resignation, but his unhappiness over the issue of Sau's appointment as the officiating VC was doing the rounds. A section of professor of the university found the governor's decision to select Sau as the VC of the institution led the head of the internal probe committee to step down.

"Chakrabarty's name was doing the rounds as the VC of the university. The newly appointed officiating VC was one of his students and it seems, Chakrabarty could not accept the governor's decision," said a professor of the university.

Unhappy with the university's earlier report on the incident and action taken following the tragedy, the central government's statutory body asked the JU authorities to reply its 12-point queries within a stipulated time.

On Sunday, police arrested another former student of the university in connection with the alleged ragging resulting the fresher's death. The total number of arrests in connection with the incident have gone up to 13.

"During the course of interrogation of the accused, we came to know there at least 15 persons present in the hostel building where the freshers were allegedly ragged. The arrested suspects were present there at the time of the incident," said a police officer.

Assam orders dress code for teachers, says no casual wear

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

Some teachers of higher educational institutes are found in the habit of wearing the dress of their choice which sometimes does not appear to be acceptable by the public at large

Assam higher education department notification

TEACHERS in Assam's higher educational institutes will no more be in casual wears while in duty. The BJP-led state government has issued a dress code, asking them not to wear casual attires such as T-shirts, jeans and leggings.

"Some teachers of higher educational institutes are found in the habit of wearing the dress of their choice which sometimes does not appear to be acceptable by the public at large," a notification issued by the Assam higher education department said.

The government asked male teachers to attend duty wearing appropriate formal shirt and pant, dhoti-pyjama. Similarly, female teachers will be salwar suit/saree/mekhela-chador and other traditional attires.

The notification mentioned that both male and female teachers should be dressed in clean, modest and decent clothes in sober colours, which should not look flashy. They were asked to avoid casual and party apparel.

The government said since a teacher is expected set an example of decency, especially while discharging duties, it became necessary to follow a dress code that should reflect a sense of decorum, decency, professionalism and seriousness of purpose at the workplace.

The dress code evoked mixed reactions. Supporting it, some teachers said jeans and leggings are not part of the Assamese or Indian culture.

"A teacher is a very respectable person. He or she should appear decent not just at his or her workplace but also outside," a teacher said requesting anonymity.

Another teacher, however, insisted on individual freedom. "Teachers do not go to teach wearing indecent attires. They know what they should wear and what they should not. I don't support this dress code," the teacher said.

Yet another teacher said the government should, instead, focus on other issues afflicting the teaching community and the education system. He said the buildings of many colleges were worn out but there had been no support from the government for repairs and renovation.

"What is the yardstick for determining jeans, T-shirts as indecent or decent dresses? Who decides this?" he asked.

A similar dress code was issued for school teachers in the state in May. The state government had then asked male teachers to attend duties wearing appropriate formal shirt and pant, dhoti-pyjama. Similarly, female teachers were asked to attend duties in decent salwar suit/saree/mekhela-chador and other traditional attires.

Centre's ₹200 cr aid for HP not enough: CM

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

Vehicles stuck in debris following a recent cloudburst in Mandi on Sunday | PTI

THE Union government today approved ₹200 crore as advance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Himachal Pradesh to help it with relief measures for the rain-affected people.

However, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the current relief manual of the Centre's financial provisions is inadequate to compensate the loss to the hill state. He called for a specially tailored relief package considering the state's geographical conditions and the severity of the disaster.

Sukhu called for financial aid akin to that provided during the Kedarnath and Bhuj tragedies.

BJP chief JP Nadda today said his home state has suffered huge losses due to heavy rains and that the Centre would make all efforts to rehabilitate the displaced in the state.

Sources said the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved the ₹200-crore aid. In an official statement, MHA said, "The government is monitoring the situation in HP around the clock, and providing necessary logistics and financial help to the state government to deal with the situation efficiently. So far 20 NDRF (HQ) teams, nine columns of the Indian Army, 3 teams of Indian Air Force helicopters are deployed in Himachal for rescue and relief work."

It said the Centre, without waiting for a memorandum, has also deputed inter-ministerial Central teams, to make an on-the-spot assessment of the situation and relief work being carried out by HP government, which visited affected areas from July 19 to 21. Nadda visited the damaged Shiv Mandir at Summer Hill in Shimla. The area suffered a massive landslide on August 14. The landslip also damaged Krishnanagar, destroying several houses and a slaughterhouse.

In Shimla, 17 people have died at Shiv Mandir, five in Fagli, and two in Krishnanagar. Nadda said three senior BJP leaders are touring the state to take stock of the situation. The three leaders are Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, former CM Jairam Thakur and HP BJP chief Rajiv Bindal.

Nadda, who began his tour of rains-hit Paonta Sahib in Sirmaur said, "I am pained to see the devastation and loss of human lives. I promise all help for the rehabilitation of the displaced people. Efforts are afoot by the state to provide relief and take up restoration and rehabilitation works. Central help would continue and all those displaced would be rehabilitated."

21 of 23 hydel projects fail dam safety norms

Himachal Pradesh government will soon prepare a detailed report on rain-related damages and probe how negligence by dam authorities caused devastation in the state. Authorities in fault will also face legal action. A total of 21 out of the 23 operational hydel projects in the hill state with did not comply with the dam safety norms and the Central Water Commission guidelines. Recently, Himachal Pradesh Chief Secretary, Prabodh Saxena had chaired a meeting on safety issues

Weak geological conditions in U'khand biggest cause of disaster, say scientists

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

THERE has been an increase in extreme rainfall events in Uttarakhand in the last 10 years. According to official government sources, "The disaster in Uttarakhand has caused a loss of ₹1,000 crore and 85 people have died till Sunday.

Geologists and meteorologists are considering this as a far-reaching effect of climate change, but in the present context it is the normal pattern of rainfall. At the same time, scientists believe that the weak geological condition in Uttarakhand is the biggest cause of the disaster. The weak mountains in the state are unable to withstand the heavy rains and there are frequent landslides.

Excessive rainfall accounted for 43.3 per cent of the total monsoon in the decade 2011-2020. Surprisingly, this was the highest recorded in all 12 decades since 1901-1910, before the share of such rainfall increased to 43.4 per cent in the decade 2013-2022, which has raised the concern of scientists.

Speaking to this newspaper, Prof Rakesh Kumar Maikhuri, head of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Garhwal University, said, "The government may have constraints on development in the mountains, but roads can also be developed on the lines of the way railway tracks are being laid by making tunnels between the mountains for the Karnaprayag rail project, which will help a lot in preventing landslides on the mountains."

Dr Vikram Gupta, senior scientist at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, told this newspaper, "There has been a change in rainfall patterns across the world as an impact of climate change. Sometimes, it is raining at a very fast pace, though for a short time, and at the same time extreme rainfall events are also increasing".

"Nainital, Mussoorie region, Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi, Yamuna valley, Alaknanda valley, Mandakini, Bhagirathi river area, Tehri (Budhakedar), Neelkanth Mahadev area (Pauri) are more vulnerable to landslides," said Dr Vikram Gupta.

Well-known environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt told The New Indian Express, "The mountains were not so crowded earlier, so even steep slopes did not pose as much danger as it currently is, now indiscriminate and unplanned construction on the mountains has shaken the geographical load capacity of the mountains".

Dev Raghvendra, an environmentalist and researcher of environmental science, told this newspaper, "Undoubtedly, development is necessary in the mountains and border areas, but the rapid increase in anthropogenic activities in the Himalayan region is a sign of a very big threat".

According to Bikram Singh, director of the State Meteorological Centre, "Uttarakhand has been recording excessive rainfall in the foothills for the past few years."

UKRAINE HAILS HISTORIC DECISION TO PROVIDE F-16S

While Netherlands did not specify the number of fighter jets it would give, Denmark said it is ready to supply 19

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (L) and Denmark's PM Mette Frederiksen hold a press conference at Skrydstrup Airbase in Vojens, Denmark on Sunday | AP

EINDHOVEN

THE Netherlands and Denmark announced on Sunday they will give F-16 warplanes to Ukraine, a long-awaited announcement that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called an important motivation for his country's forces.

"F-16s will certainly give new energy, confidence, and motivation to fighters and civilians. I'm sure it will deliver new results for Ukraine and the entire Europe," Zelenskyy said.

It's not clear yet how soon the jets will be in Ukrainian hands or in Ukrainian skies. It depends on how soon Ukrainian crews and infrastructure are ready, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said.

"The F-16s will not help immediately now with the war effort. It is anyway a long-term commitment from the Netherlands," the Dutch leader said. "We want them to be active and operational as soon as possible. ... Not for the next month, that's impossible, but hopefully soon afterward."

Later, Zelenskyy was received by Danish PM Mette Frederiksen along with the country's foreign minister, defence minister and Crown Princess Mary. Frederiksen said Denmark would provide 19 F-16 jets to Ukraine. She said "hopefully" six could be delivered around New Year, eight more next year and the remaining five in 2025.

"Please take this donation as a token of Denmark's unwavering support for your country's fight for freedom," the Danish prime minister said. The Netherlands did not specify the number of jets it would provide. Zelenskyy said on his Telegram channel that Ukraine would get 42 jets.

The Dutch and Danish governments are also involved in a coalition that is working to train Ukrainian pilots to fly the advanced fighter jets.

Zelenskyy declined to say how many Ukrainian pilots would undergo training in Denmark and later in Romania, citing security reasons. Denmark said on Friday that the training is starting this month, and officials have previously said that Ukrainian pilots will need six to eight months of training.

Frederiksen said "more than 70" Ukrainian personnel were already in Denmark and getting ready for training. *AP*

Zelenskyy vows retaliation for the attack in Chernihiv

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IN Ukraine, the governor of the Chernihiv region, Vyacheslav Chaus, said on Sunday that the total number of people confirmed to have been wounded in the theater attack in the centre of town Saturday had risen to 148.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed stern retaliation for the attack, whose victims included a slain 6-year-old girl dead and 15 wounded children. "I am sure our soldiers will respond to Russia for this terrorist attack. Respond tangibly," Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a video address published in the early hours of Sunday at the end of a visit to Sweden. In eastern Ukraine, Kharkiv regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said on Sunday that Russia was shelling the city of Kupiansk "all day long," with an attack on Sunday afternoon in the city center wounding 11 people.

A man was killed in Russian shelling of Vovchansk, also in the Kharkiv region, according to Ukraine's Internal Affairs Ministry.

Meanwhile in Russia on Sunday, the Defence Ministry said in a statement on Sunday that its air defence systems had prevented an attack by three drones on the Belgorod region, which borders Ukraine. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Bairappa** have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Smt.Yallamma W/o late Munishamappa was died on 25-02-1962,** at Yambrahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Prl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 22/09/2023 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis.No. 127/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Venugopal .N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sri. T. Praveen Kumar S/o. Sri. T. Subramanyam Naidu has misplaced/lost the original Sale Deed dated 19/08/1978, registered as Document No.3044/1978-79, in Book-I, Volume 1332 at Pages 88 to 90, in the office of The Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.

Any person finding the same may contact the undersigned within 7 days from this day, failing which my Client will proceed further.

Sharanya. P. A, Advocate,
No. 417, 12th Main, 75th Cross, 6th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/S. SUBHA LUXURY PROJECTS, LLP., having its office at No.252, 14th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, represented by its Partner Sri. **CHANDRASHEKAR GARINE,** Son of Narasimha Rao Garine, do hereby state that, I have lost the below mentioned original Sale deeds and other documents in respect of the Properties Survey Numbers 161/1, 161/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 166-2, 167/2, 231/2 &3, 229/1 and 232 all are situated at **Iggaluru Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban.** I have lodged a police complaint on 19.08.2023. Whoever finds the documents kindly handover the documents to any of us at our Advocate having office at **Jury Legal Solutions, No.8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.** The public is hereby cautioned not to transact with anybody claiming to be the owners of the said survey numbers holding the lost original documents, any transactions made without our knowledge will be at their cost. Any claims over the Property shall be submitted to our Advocate in the above mentioned address

1. Agreement to Sale dated 19.06.2018, Doc No.ANK-1-01317/2018-19, Sy No. 161
2. General Power of Attorney dated 19.06.2018, Doc No. ANK-4-00059/2018-19, Sy No 161
3. Sale Deed dated 31.05.2004, Doc No. ANK-1-03477/2004-05, Sy No. 161
4. Sale Deed dated 22.11.2004, Doc No. ANK-1-17114/2004-05, Sy No. 161
5. Sale Deed dated 02.11.2004, Doc No. ANK-1-15484/2004-05, Sy No. 161
6. GPA executed by N.H. R. Prasad Reddy in favour of M Sudhakar.
7. Sale Deed dated 13.07.2011, Doc No. ABL-1-02649/2011-12, Sy No. 166.
8. Sale Deed dated 30.12.2004, Doc No. ANK-1-21048/2004-05, Sy No. 167.
9. GPA executed by N.H. R. Sharabha Reddy in favour of M Sudhakar.
10. Sale Deed dated 11.10.2006, Doc No. ANK-1-23109/2006-07, Sy No.231.
11. Sale Deed dated 29.11.2006, Doc No. ANK-1-28120/2006-07, Sy No. 231.
12. Sale Deed dated 07.10.2005, Doc No. ANK-1-09452/2005-06, Sy No. 231.
13. Sale Deed Dated 27.10.1994, Doc No. 2684/1994-95, Sy No. 231.

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
Advocates
No. 8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layut, Bangalore-560102.
M : 9886077827/9844897355/9902195500
Bangalore Date : 20-08-2023

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT, CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-90)
COMM O.S. NO. 1920/2022
Plaintiff: Piramal Enterprises Limited
-V/s-
Defendant: LGCL Urban Homes (India) LLP & Ors.

Piramal Enterprises Limited, having its registered office at Piramal Ananta, Agastya Corporate Park, Opp. Fire Brigade, Kamani Junction, LBS Marg, Kuria (West), Mumbai-400070.

To, 1. **LGCL Urban Homes (India) LLP,** having its registered office at No. 12 / 1, Rest House Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560001. ... **(Defendant No.1)**

2. **LGCL Properties Private Limited,** having its registered office at No. 12 / 1, Rest House Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001 ... **(Defendant No.2)**

3. **Girish Puravankara,** having his address at Villa No. 62C, LGCL Ashlar, Kasavanahalli Main, Choodasandra Village, Opp. KSRP Quatrs. Bangalore 560099. ... **(Defendant No. 3)**

4. **Rashmi Puravankara,** having her address at Villa No. 62C, LGCL Ashlar, Kasavanahalli Main, Choodasandra Village, Opp. KSRP Quatrs. Bangalore-560099. ... **(Defendant No. 4)**

5. **LGCL Urban Homes Private Limited,** having its registered office at No. 12 / 1, Rest House Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560001. ... **(Defendant No. 5)**

Whereas **Piramal Enterprises Limited,** represented by its Authorized Representative Mr. Abhijeet Verma, has instituted a suit against you for a judgment and decree in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants.

Whereas **Piramal Enterprises Limited,** represented by its Authorized Representative Mr. Abhijeet Verma, has also moved an appropriate application for impleading Assets Care and Reconstruction Enterprise Limited as Plaintiff No. 2 to the suit.

Whereas in the above-mentioned suit, inter alia the following has been sought:

(i) Decree of recovery in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants for an amount of Rs. 73,32,75,730/- (Rupees Seventy-Three Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Only) being the amounts due under the Loan Agreement dated September 15, 2020 and Loan Agreement dated January 27, 2022;

(ii) Order of permanent injunction restraining the Defendants, their servants, and agents from in any manner, disposing off, alienating, encumbering, creating any third party right or interest or parting with possession of the mortgaged and hypothecated properties and from receiving and dealing with any receivables in respect of the mortgaged and hypothecated properties.

(iii) Preliminary decree under Order XXXIV Rule 2 of the code of Civil Procedure, 1908 declaring that the amount of Rs. 73,32,75,730/- (Rupees Seventy-Three Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Only) is payable by the Defendants to the Plaintiffs and if the Preliminary Decree is not complied with, then to pass a final decree under order XXXIV Rule 5 and 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 directing sale of the mortgaged and hypothecated properties.

(iv) Decree of possession in favour of the plaintiff and against the Defendants directing the Defendants to handover vacant and peaceful possession of the mortgaged properties.

(v) Award the cost of the suit in favour of the plaintiff and against the Defendants.

(vi) Pass any other order(s) as this Hon'ble court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice and equity.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed (and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on the **5th day of September 2023,** at 11 AM in the Hon'ble Commercial Court (CCH-90) to answer the claim.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, to suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 17-08-2023.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **DUA ASSOCIATES**
#130/1, 2nd Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru-560042.

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DEMAND NOTICE (SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT-2002)
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE ACT)

At the request, Bank has extended credit facility to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds Simple mortgage are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register post AD calling upon you, was unserved / not acknowledged, Hence this paper notification.

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor : 1. Sri. S. Nagaraju S/o. Siddaiah, R/o : Lakshmi Nilaya, New Hosahalli Road, (Behind Manteswara Rice Mill) Near Kalya Gate, Magadi Town, Magadi Taluk,Ramanagara District. **Guarantor :** 2. Sri.Venkatesh .G .R S/o, Ramaiah .T, R/o : Ward No.15, Hosahalli Road, Magadi Town, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District.

Liability : Rs. 3,27,253.75 (Rupees Three lakhs twenty seven thousand two hundred fifty three and paisa seventy five only) plus interest and other charges.

NPA Date : 10.07.2023 **Demand Notice Date : 01.08.2023**

Nature of Loan : Mortgage Loan, **Loan A/c. No. : 42183204000316,**
Loan Limit : 13,00,000/-

Description of Property : Sy.No.45/1, Municipal Katha No. 312/131/1/232/1, Extent : East-West : 40 feet, North – South : 50 feet, Total 2000 Sq. Ft., Location : Hosahalli Road, Kasaba Hobli, Magadi town, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. **Bounded on East by :** Road, **West by :** Property of K.T. R Somanna, **North by :** Property of Sathanur Manjanna, **South by :** Property of Anantha Rao. Property held in the name of Sri Nagaraju .S S/o. Siddaiah

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 2 of section 13. you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date: 18.08.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Mandya **Karnataka Gramin Bank**

Indian Overseas Bank
East End Main Road Branch, 42/166, East End Main Road, Jayanagar, 9th Block, Bangalore-560069).
Tel:- 080-22950181/182/183, E-Mail:- iob0677@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under (Rule 8 (1)) of SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 02.05.2023** calling upon the **Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors: 1. M/s ATB Industries, Mr. T.Srinivasa Reddy (Proprietor),** Sy.No.179/6, C.K.Palya, Sakalavara Post Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560083 **(Borrower). 2) Mr. Thejus Reddy S,** No.31/A, Hulimavu, Near Rama Temple, B.G.Road, Bangalore-560076 **(Guarantor). 3) Mr. T.Srinivasa Reddy,** No.31/A, Hulimavu, Near Rama Temple, B.G.Road, Bangalore-560076. Ph: 9900126640 **(Mortgagor)** to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,07,06,615.72 (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen and Paise Seventy Two Only)** as on 30.04.2023 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **19th day of August of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Overseas Bank,** for an total amount **Rs.2,07,06,615.72 (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen and Paise Seventy Two Only)** as on 30.04.2023 with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc, from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payments less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice, The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.1,69,90,872.72 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Nine Lakhs Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two and Paise Seventy Two only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of payment.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets. Sub-Clause (8) of this clause provides.

"Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets,-

(i) the secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor; and

(ii) in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets".

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing No.179/6 measuring 24 Guntas together with constructed area situated at Hullahalli, C.K.Palya, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk and commonly **bounded on the: East by:** 50 feet Wide Road formed in Sy.No.179/4, 179/6 and 179/3, **West by:** Private Property, **North by** Land bearing Sy.No.179/1 allotted to the share of Shri T.Prakash Reddy, **South by:** Road and property of T.Ravi Reddy.

Date: 19-08-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Overseas Bank**

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues(Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Shailaja K Mr.Sonnappa Parameshawara (Prospect No 803928)	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing:-Flat No 3053, 5Th Floor, Land Area Ad Measuring 379 Sq. Ft., and Carpet Area Ad Measuring 929 Sq. Ft., and Super Built Up Area Ad Measuring 1162 Sq. Ft., Frontier Heights, Situtated At Sy.No.49/1 And 49/2, Kasavanahalli Road Haraluru SarjapurHobli, Bengaluru, 560035, Karnataka, India. Bounded By :East : Road, West : Land in Sy. No. 48, North : Land in Sy. No. 48 , South : Kudlu Village Boundary.	Rs.35,72,981/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One Only)	13-Apr-2023	16-Aug-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 or Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore , Date: 21-08-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the notice of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act–2002, under Section 13(2).

A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted the repayment of principal and payment of interest of loans obtaining by them and Others from the bank and those have turned to be Non Performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act–2002 on their last known address. Also hereby informed by the way of public notice about the same.

01. Name and Address of Borrower/s: Shekharappa D, Dharani Kumar K S and Shivakumar K S, No 954/E, Rameshwara Nilaya, Kanthenahalli, ARASIKERE – 573103, Hassan Dist

Surety: 1) Nataraj K S S/o Shekharappa D, 2) Raghavendra T R S/o Ramachandra Shetty

Property Address of Secured Assets/Assets to be enforced:-

Residential building bearing Municipal Assessment no 8278/7094 Property no 54-501-19 measuring East West 12.192024 Meters and North South 9.144018 Meters Total area 111.4836 Sq Mts Ground Floor 111.4836 Sq Mts Residential Use, 1st Floor 111.4836 Sq Mts Residential Use 2nd floor111.4836 Sq Mts Residential Use, 3rd Floor 74.601109 Residential Use situated at Ward No 1, Kantenahalli, Arasikere Town, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan Dist.

East By	Site no 18
West by	20 feet Road
North By	Site no 20
South By	10 feet Galli

01.Outstanding as upto 17-08-2023 : Shekharappa D, Dharani Kumar K S and Shivakumar K S: Rs 1,33,99,737.00+other charges

(Note: Above amount is excluding interest, penal interest, postage, legal charges, advertisement charges and other charges to be levied from 18-08-2023)

The above borrowers and/or their guarantors (wherever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act – 2002.

02. Name and Address of Borrower/s: Savitha A V and Lokesh S, No 201, Near Vinayaka Temple, Gandsi - 573119, ARASIKERE Tq, Hassan Dist.

Surety: 1) Nataraj K S S/o Shekharappa D, Dharani Kumar K S S/o Shekharappa D.

Property Address of Secured Assets/Assets to be enforced:-

Residential building & Site Property Bearing Panchayath Property No. 1288-1286-1287, E Property No .151600203700301425 measuring East West 22.86 meters and North South 11.530584 Meters Total Area 263.60 meters situated at Gandasi, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan Dist.

East By	Vacant Site
West by	Ganapathi Temple
North By	Vacant Site
South By	14 feet wide Panchayath Road

01. Outstanding as upto 17-08-2023: Savitha A V and Lokesh S : Rs. 1,31,75,385.00 + other charges

(Note: Above amount is excluding interest, penal interest, postage, legal charges, advertisement charges and other charges to be levied from 18-08-2023).

The above borrowers and/or their guarantors (wherever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act – 2002.

Date: 17-08-2023 **Sd/- Authorized Officer / General Manager**
Place: Kadur **Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Head Office: Hosadurga - Kadur Branch**

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Garebhavipalya Branch
No.81/1-1, 14th Main, Near Holy Family Church, Adarsh Layout, Hongasandra Begur Road, Bangalore-560068,
(A Govt. of India Undertaking) Ph: 08355809321, E-mail: ubin824321@unionbankofindia.bank

[Rule - 8 (1)] of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002) (For immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India, Garebhavipalya Branch, Bangalore,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **14.02.2023** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors of **1) Mr. Padmanava Maharana** S/o Mr. Biswanath Maharana Residing at : No.67, 1st Floor, Giddamma Layout, Akash Nagar, Behind Poornima Shelters, Near White House, B Narayanapur, Bangalore-560016. **Also at:** 20 near Sai baba Temple, Akash Nagar, B Narayanapura, Doorvani Nagar, Bangalore-560016. **Also at :** 203/1 carved out of property No.11/1, 17th Cross, situated at B Narayanapura, Giddamma Layout, Akashnagar, K R Puram Hobli, near White House off PWD Road, Bangalore-560016. **2) Mrs. Sumitra das** D/o Jaya Krushna das, **Residing at :** No.67, 1st Floor, Gidama Layout, Akash Nagar, Behind Poornima Shelters, Near White House, B Narayanapur, Bangalore-560016. **Also at:** 20 near Sai baba Temple, Akash Nagar, B Narayanapura, Doorvani Nagar, Bangalore-560016. **Also at :** 203/1 carved out of property No.11/1, 17th Cross, situated at B Narayanapura, Giddamma Layout, Akashnagar, K R Puram Hobli, near White House off PWD Road, Bangalore-560016. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.31,97,764.59** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four and Fifty Nine Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower as well as guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **16th day of August 2023.**

The borrower/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properies and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Union Bank of India, Garebhavipalya Branch** for the amounts **Rs.31,97,764.59** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four and Fifty Nine Paise Only) and interest & costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of residential House bearing Southern portion of site No.67, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 10 feet and Northern portion of Site No.168, New House List No.203/1, carved out of old property No.11/1, situated B Narayanapura, Giddamma Layout, Akashnagar, K R Puram Hobli, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Previously Bangalore South Taluk, Mahadevapura CMC Ward No.4, now within Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Limits, ward No.81, Banglaore, Jaintly measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 20 feet, in all total area measuring 800 sq ft and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Sites Nos. 57 and 58, North by : Remaining northern portion of Site 67, South by : Remaining Northern Portiion of Site 68

Date: 17.08.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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BEFORE THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE AT BENGALURU BEFORE THE SOLE ARBITRTOR SRI. M.G. SUDHEENDRA
Arbitration Case No.327/2022 IN CMP No.54/2017

1. **BETWEEN: Sri Raja Suchindra Jayashankar,** aged about 57 years, S/o Sri Raja Jayashankar, Share Holder-Director, M/s. Raja Housing Ltd., Residing at No.485/1, 38th Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 070.

2. **Sri R. Raja Jayashankar Datta Kumar,** aged about 53 years, S/o Sri Raja Jayashankar, Share Holder-Director, M/s. Raja Housing Ltd., Residing at "Raja Hariharan Towers", 6th Floor, Office No.2 and 3, No.51, Sajjan Rao Road, Vishveshwarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004. ... **CLAIMANTS**

AND: 1. Sri Sharath Vatsa, Major by age, S/o. Sri Aswathnarayan, No.9, 1st Cross, C.T. Bed, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru-560 028. **2. Sri A. Manohar,** Major by age, S/o. Not known to Claimants, No. 160/2, Aditya Nagar, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru. **3. M/s. Jack on Block Facility Services Pvt. Ltd.,** A Private Limited Company, Incorporated under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, Office at No. 9, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560 011, Represented by Sri. Sharath Vatsa and Sri A. Manohar Presently at No.51, Raja Hariharan Towers, Sajjan Rao Road, Visweswarapuram, Bengaluru - 560 004. ... **RESPONDENTS**

NOTICE

NOTICE FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE (DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL), KHANIJA BHAVAN, RACE COURSE ROAD AT BENGALURU BEFORE THE HON'BLE ARBITRTOR, ARBITRTION SOLE ARBITRATOR SRI. M.G. SUDHEENDRA

AC No. 327/2022 IN CMP No.54/2017

1. **Sri Sharath Vatsa,** Major by age, S/o. Sri Aswathnarayan, No.9, 1st Cross, C.T. Bed, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru-560 028. **2. Sri A. Manohar,** Major by age, S/o. Not known to Claimants, No.160/2, Aditya Nagar, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru. **3. M/s. Jack on Block Facility Services Pvt. Ltd.,** A Private Limited Company, Incorporated under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, Office at No.9, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560 011, Represented by Sri. Sharath Vatsa and Sri A. Manohar, Presently at No. 51, Raja Hariharan Towers, Sajjan Rao Road, Visweswarapuram, Bengaluru-560004. **M/s. Sri Raja Suchindra Jayashankar** and R. Raja Jayashankar Datta Kumar names referred above had filed CMP No. 54/2017 and thereafter have initiated arbitration proceedings before this Arbitration Tribunal in A.C. No. 327/2022 before the Arbitration and Conciliation Centre, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road at Bengaluru.

Opposite parties names and address referred above are hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble Arbitrator for answering claim for recovery of Rs. 1,55,00,000/- (Rupees one crore fifty five lakhs only) and for attachment of the personal properties of the respondents. The Respondent Nos.1 to 3 are hereby called upon to appear on **04/09/2023** at **11:30 A.M** before the Hon'ble Arbitrator

In Arbitration Combe, Khanija Bhavana, Bengaluru.

Arbitration and Conciliation Centre by its Arbitrator, Sri M.G. Sudeendra

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 16/08/2023

By order of the Court, Section Officer, Arbitration & Conciliation Centre-Bengaluru, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru-560001.

Advocate for Claimant: **V.B. SHIVAKUMAR**
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APPENDIX- IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, secured creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis on **06.09.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 47,23,638/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) as on 18.08.2023 and interest from **19.08.2023** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the secured creditor from borrower **Shri Prasad B C.**

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 22,50,000/-	Rs. 2,25,000/-	Rs. 22,500.00

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/ASJ/2023-24/936
Property Title deed holder :- Sri Prasad B. C.

All that piece and parcel of Apartment Flat bearing No.1-C on the First Floor in the apartment building known as "GEO RESIDENCY", with super built up area of 1050 Sq.ft containing two bedrooms along with one covered car parking space in the building with vitrified flooring and bounded on East by: Open to Sky, West by: Passage, North by: Open to Sky and South by: Road with 330 Sq.ft proportionate undivided share, right title and interest in the property No.122,123,and 124, Khatha No.144-122-123-124 (Old House List Khatha No.85), presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP having Municipal No.122/123/124/35 of Byrathi formed out of Sy.No.31/2, 31/3, 32/1B and Sy.No.32/2B of Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru, measuring East to West (100+102)/2 feet, North to South 40 feet in all measuring 4040 Sq.ft and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Site No.125, North by: Site No.137,138,139 and South by: Road.

2. Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, secured creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis on **06.09.2023** for recovery of **Rs.49,46,259/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) as on 18.08.2023 and interest from 19.08.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the secured creditor from borrower **Shri Raghavendra R.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
2	Rs. 22,00,000/-	Rs. 2,20,000/-	Rs. 22,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/ASJ/2023-24/937
Property Title deed holder :- Sri Raghavendra R

All that piece and parcel of residential Flat bearing No.0-A on the Ground Floor in the apartment building known as "GEO RESIDENCY", having a super built up area of 1020 sq.feet containing two bedrooms along with one covered car parking space in the building with vitrified flooring and bonded on East by: Passage, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Open to Sky and South by: Road, with 320 sq.feet proportionate undivided share, right, title and interest in the property No.122,123 and 124, Khatha No.144-122-123-124 (Old House List Khatha No.85) presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP having Municipal No.122/123/124/35, Sy.No.31/2,31/3,32/1B and 32/2B of Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru measuring East to West (100+102)/2 feet, North to South 40 feet in all measuring 4040 sq.ft and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Site No.125, North by: Site No.137,138,139 and South by: Road.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, #11/90,3rd Floor, Opposite Trust Well Hospital, J. C. Road, Bengaluru – 560002, Telephone: 080 25943663.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorized Officer
Date: 18.08.2023 State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

₹8,400 cr have been infused by Foreign Portfolio Investors in Indian equities so far due to uncertainty in global markets.

How to locate your unclaimed deposits with UDGAM portal

The RBI's new portal is designed to support people in locating and retrieving their unclaimed deposits lying with various banks

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

IN a significant initiative aimed at assisting bank customers, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a web portal designed to aid individuals in locating and retrieving unclaimed deposits with various banks.

It's common for individuals to overlook modest amounts left in their old accounts while moving forward by opening new bank accounts. Yet, over time, these forgotten funds have substantially accumulated, resulting in banks now holding over ₹35,000 crore in unclaimed deposits.

A centralised portal for unclaimed deposits

Aiming to return these unclaimed deposits to the rightful owners, the central bank on Thursday launched a centralised web portal UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits - Gateway to Access information).

The portal, launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, has been developed by the central bank to help the public to facilitate and make it easier for them to search their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks in one place.

Presently unclaimed deposits from seven banks - State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Central Bank of India, Dhanlaxmi Bank, South Indian Bank, DBS Bank India and Citibank - are available on the portal. The search facility for remaining banks on the portal would be made available in a phased manner by October 15.

Balances in savings or current accounts which are not operated for 10 years, or term deposits not claimed within 10 years from date of maturity are classified as Unclaimed Deposits. These amounts are transferred by banks to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund maintained by the RBI.

"This is a unique opportunity that will enable individual customers to access a common pool of databases that will facilitate them to search and extract details of their unclaimed deposits lying with various banks. Customers tend to leave small amounts in their bank accounts that remain unclaimed and are converted to inoperative accounts," Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Managing Director at Resurgent India.

"Over the period, the customer either forgets about the same or loses interest in searching for the same on account of the amount being small. However, considering the whopping number of such accounts, the aggregate amount has become so large, prompting RBI as a regulator to take a proactive step in the form of starting this portal to claim the inoperative deposits by individuals," he added. State Bank of India (SBI) tops the chart of unclaimed deposits worth ₹8,086 crore, followed by Punjab National Bank ₹5,340 crore, Canara Bank ₹ 4,558 crore and Bank of Baroda ₹3,904 crore.

"UDGAM portal has provided a streamlined and easy-to-use platform for account holders and the general public to search for their old accounts lying inactive or dormant for many years. This is a follow up to the '100 days 100 pays' campaign launched earlier in May whereby banks were directed to find out top 100 unclaimed account holders in their respective districts and assist them in reclaiming such amounts," said Sanchit Garg, CEO & Co-Founder GLC Wealth.

How to find your forgotten money?

To use UDGAM, individuals are required to register using their mobile number, name, and password on the portal (https://udgam.rbi.org.in/unclaimed-deposits/#/register). After completing registration, the individual can log in using their registered mobile number and password. An OTP will be sent to the registered mobile number for verification. After successful login, users are prompted to provide the account holders and bank's names. They then can select from five identification inputs: PAN number, Voter ID number, driving license number, or date of birth. Following this, users can input the relevant information and designate the desired bank for their search.

If the search criteria match unclaimed deposits, the portal will display the account details. If no unclaimed deposits are found, the result will indicate 'none'.

"The UDGAM portal launched by RBI for unclaimed deposits is certainly a step in the right direction albeit a bit delayed in our opinion. Estimates of ₹35,000 crore in unclaimed deposits can definitely be put to a better use if these remain unclaimed and this effort by RBI can put a closure on the ownership of these funds," Manu Rishi Guptha Founder and CEO of MRG Capital, told TNIE.

"Artificial intelligence tools have equipped different government departments like Income tax to get better compliance. Efforts like interlinking of Aadhaar, PAN, mobile numbers with a bank account has made this possible and RBI's one portal to claim the funds is a good initiative for the benefit of individuals," he said.

There are several reasons behind deposits turning into unclaimed deposits. One of the main reasons is the depositor's death without leaving a nomination. Also having a meagre balance in the account or change of name or shifting of residence to another city or country are also other factors behind the rise in unclaimed deposits.

STEPS TO FIND UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS

- Register at UDGAM portal (https://udgam.rbi.org.in/unclaimed-deposits/#/register)
- Provide necessary details, including name, mobile number, password
- Verify your registration through an OTP sent to your mobile number
- Use your UDGAM account after logging in by using OTP

- Once you enter details, you must again enter OTP to proceed further
- You can now search for unclaimed deposits by entering the account holder's name.
- You will be asked to provide one of the five identification inputs: PAN number, Voter ID number, Passport number, driving license number, or date of birth

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WHY STARTING NOW COULD BOOST YOUR INVESTMENTS

SOURAV ROY

THERE is always a quest to get the timing right. You want to enter the stock market when it is the right time. It is somewhat like cricket. If you are a batter, you can punch the ball with good timing to hit the fence like a rocket. If you do not have a sense of good timing, then you have to work hard for your runs. The same philosophy applies to investing. We must underscore that we are not talking about short-term investing or trading. The idea is to encourage you to invest regularly and stay invested as long as possible.

If you look at the data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India, there are encouraging signs of retail investor participation in equity assets. That means more of you are investing regularly through systematic investment plans than ever. Over a third of your savings contribute to the monthly net addition of equity assets. A lot of you are investing in actively managed equity funds. These diversified equity funds give an average return of 15-18% each year. Mutual funds encourage you to put your savings into them as long as they generate steady returns over the long term that works for you.

The contribution to index funds in the overall equity assets of mutual funds is at 13% of the net inflows, according to one statistic put out by HDFC Mutual Fund in the conference call with analysts after the June 2023 quarter results. That means many of you are trying to maximise returns and not allocating savings to passive funds. An index fund is a passive fund that generates a return aligned with a benchmark index like the S&P BSE Sensex or NSE Nifty. The average return from such a fund should align with the 11-12% annual return these indices generate. The difference between active and passive funds is the fund management fee. If you take out 2% (it could be more), the average return from a diversified equity fund is 13-16%, not too far from the index fund.

For those new to the investing world, index funds make a good first step. You could opt for more diversified equity funds later as your income grows. Salaried American households became wealthy in the 80s and 90s by allocating a substantial amount of their savings to index investing. There is no reason why you should not do so.

America witnessed an unprecedented stock market boom in the 80s and 90s when companies generated strong profit growth. Over the past two years, the two benchmark indices in India have not moved up significantly. At the same time, corporate profits have grown. The average price-earnings multiple of the two benchmark indices is lower than the previous peak two years ago. That is a significant indicator that the timing is right to take that first step and start investing. Share prices are all about profits and relative valuation.

The price-earnings multiple is the number of times a company's share price trades to the earnings per share (EPS). Today's prices are not about historical profits. They are about tomorrow's profits. If you are confident that Indian companies will continue to post strong profit growth, it is time for you to benefit from their growth.

Experts predicted in the past that India could become a $26 trillion economy by 2047 when it turns 100 as an independent republic. That is a significant jump from the present $3.5 trillion. For that to happen, Indian businesses must turn productive and contribute. Manufacturing and services sectors must expand their business and grow with profits. If that is the path, you are in a good position as an investor. You must remember that picture of the next 24 years and start now. You will get the timing of your shot right as you practice. The only way to do that is through systematic investing.

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(Views expressed here are personal)

UNDERSTANDING SMALL CAP FUNDS

AS per SEBI's categorisation of funds, Small Cap Equity Funds must mandatorily invest at least 65% of their assets in equity stocks of Small-Cap companies. Small-Cap companies are defined to include all companies whose market cap is lower than that of the 250 largest companies (in terms of market capitalisation) listed in the Indian stock market.

A popular theory among many wealth managers is that it is better to avoid Small Cap Equity Funds, or at best, allocate a relatively smaller portion of the portfolio to them to steer clear of a bad hit in the event of a vertical fall in the market which in turn could adversely impact the overall performance of one's portfolio.

While there is merit in the above belief, one must always remember that Investing is an Art and not a Science and hence cannot be bound by rules and formulae. This is something that I used to oft repeat in my lectures at B-Schools. Simply put, the above rule of avoiding or not investing in small cap equity funds cannot be applied in the same measure to two individuals at opposite ends of the Investment Life-Cycle stage or to a person with a drive to maximize their investment returns coupled with a high risk appetite.

At the early Investment Life-Cycle stage, for example, and with all other factors being equal, the risk appetite of an investor is likely to be higher than that of another individual closing in on retirement towards the end of their Investment Life Cycle.

Like with all other investment vehicles where the underlying asset class is Equity, one must give small cap equity funds the luxury of time to perform. While there may be times when it provides handsome short term gains too, serious investors intent on wealth creation have more often than not, thrived by staying invested for longer time frames that includes at least one economic cycle.

While all equity investments must ideally be long term to derive maximum benefit, small cap equity funds are by nature even more vulnerable to market volatility and must be given a decent time frame to derive optimal returns via price discovery of the underlying stocks. This is even more so because, unlike the large and mid-cap companies, small cap companies are lesser known and less researched, with relatively lesser known managements too.

As far as its taxation is concerned, based on the underlying asset, it qualifies for Equity taxation. It is taxed at the rate of 10% for Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) made on the sale of units priced at over ₹1 lakh, and 15% for Short Term Capital Gains (STCG) if the units are sold within the time frame of 1 year from the date of allotment of units.

So clearly, while Small-Cap equity funds do not merit an across the board blanket ban for investors, those including it in their portfolios must do so after calibrating its risks. In the next column, we shall look at the portfolio components and performances of a few small cap equity funds.

India, ASEAN decision on FTA to come up today

PTI @ New Delhi

A decision on a long pending issue of initiating a review of the existing free trade agreement on goods between India and the 10-nation ASEAN bloc may be taken up during a meeting in Indonesia on Monday, an official said.

The issue will come up for discussion and decision during the India-Asean economic ministers meeting on Monday. The meeting is being held on the sidelines of the ongoing meeting of the Economic ministers of ASEAN. An Indian delegation is already there for the deliberations. India has asked for the review of the agreement with an aim to eliminate barriers and misuse of the ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement, which came into effect on January 1, 2010.

"The agenda will come up for discussion and decision tomorrow (Monday) during the India-Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) economic ministers meeting,' the official said. Members of the Asean include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In general, such review exercise includes matters like implementation issues, rules of origin; verification process and release of consignments; customs procedures; further liberalisation of trade in goods; and sharing and exchange of trade data. India on several platforms has asked for a review of the agreement. A trade expert said that the trade arrangement has to be reciprocal, mutually beneficial and should balance the aspirations of all the partners. "Once the decision on the launch of the Asean-India Trade in Goods Agreement review is taken, formal negotiations for the review will start," the official said.

Jio Financial Services to list today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

The shares of Jio Financial Services (JFS), the financial services arm of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), will be listed on bourses on Monday. RIL had last month spun off JFS, with the stock price set at ₹261.85, valuing it at around ₹1.66 lakh crore or $20 billion in a special trading session held on July 20.

With this, JFS is now the second-largest NBFC in the country and the 32nd most valued company in India, bigger than giants like Tata Steel, Coal India, HDFC Life and SBI Life. Last month, stock exchanges conducted a one-hour special price discovery session for the first time ever to determine the value of Jio Financial Services' shares. JFSL has been included in the Nifty50, BSE Sensex and other indices, and will remain at a constant price till the time the stock is listed independently.

India could gain from economic crisis in China

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE current Chinese economic crisis may not blow away India, but it certainly can cause a few scares to the policymakers, feel experts. As investors leave China, India can expect some of those investments flowing to India, but experts see depreciation of the Chinese yuan creating volatility in the currency market, posing challenges for India. India's lower external debt and relatively strong fiscal situation may also come as a shield against the crisis playing out in China.

Lekha S Chakraborty, an economist, asserts that India's fiscal stability is secure due to its minimal reliance on external financing, unlike other countries such as Sri Lanka and Pakistan. "With India's deficits primarily financed through domestic bond financing, the impact of China's economic turmoil on India's fiscal is expected to be limited," Chakroborty said. Madan Sabnavis, chief economist with Bank of Baroda, believes that while the real economy may not be significantly affected, some investment could potentially flow towards India as a result. Nonetheless, he cautions that the depreciation of the Chinese yuan might create volatility in the currency market, posing challenges for India. China is facing a massive debt crisis across sectors. "This combination of factors has created a vicious cycle of falling demand and rising unemployment, potentially leading to lost decades, similar to Japan in the 1990s," feels Ajay Bagga, a capital market expert. Bagga warns of capital outflows from emerging markets, including China, as investors seek safer returns in US money market funds or treasury bonds.

China's mounting debt crisis

China is facing a massive debt crisis across sectors, slowing domestic and external demand, and troubled real estate sector that was overleveraged. This combination of factors has created a vicious cycle of falling demand and rising unemployment, potentially leading to lost decades, similar to Japan in the 1990s.

India runs a trade deficit with China. India imported $98.5 billion worth of goods and services in 2022-23 compared to $15.3 billion worth of goods and services it exported to its northern neighbour.

The economic crisis in China might help India capitalise on opportunities within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region, where China has a major role to pay as a stakeholder. Deepanshu Mohan, Associate Professor of Economics & Director, Centre for New Economics Studies, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, OP Jindal Global University, highlights India's potential to boost exports to ASEAN countries, particularly in manufacturing and service-based sectors. "By implementing favourable policies to bolster service-based exports and addressing the trade deficit, India can navigate the impact of the Chinese economic crisis and enhance its economic prospects," Mohan said.

As per experts, while the Indian economy may experience temporary ripples from the Chinese crisis, a decline in trade, and a significant trade deficit, it possesses the internal financing mechanisms, export diversification potential, and opportunities in ASEAN markets to weather the storm.

Lyles strikes 100m gold to extend US dominance

Noah Lyles roared to victory in a sensational men's world championships 100m in Budapest to extend the US dominance in track & field's blue riband event in the post-Usain Bolt era. He clocked 9.83sec, the fastest 100m time this season so far. Botswana's Letsile Tebogo won silver in 9.88sec in a photo finish from Anguilla-born Briton Zharnel Hughes.

Akhil comes to the fore

Shooter displays nerves of steel in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final in World C'ships to win bronze & an Olympic quota for India

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

DESPITE some noteworthy wins under his belt at the elite level in the past, rifle shooter Akhil Sheoran had been in the shadows. For many, especially outside shooting, he was an unknown. He doesn't even possess a Wikipedia page; that speaks for itself. On Sunday, Akhil's stocks would have risen massively as he displayed nerves of steel to carve out a medal-winning performance at the ongoing ISSF World Championships (an event which is considered only second to the Olympics) in Baku. In a high-quality field (men's 50m rifle 3 positions), Akhil was ice cool and generated some solid scores to finish on the podium. In the process, he clinched an Olympic quota for India. That takes India's quota tally to five.

In the final, Akhil, who had finished sixth in the qualification stage, was initially in a tricky spot. He was sixth after the kneeling stage and needed to find his range soon. And he did just that. That too in an emphatic manner. In the following prone (where shooters lie flat on their bellies) series, he accumulated the second-highest tally and that put him in podium contention. But his job was far from over. Akhil still had to maintain his run in the standing stage, a stage where shooters tend to struggle to find consistency, especially in high-stakes battles. Akhil, supported by Olympic Gold Quest, hit some 9s (anything below 10 could be worrying at that stage) early on before steadying the ship to get back on track. He eventually finished behind Austria's Alexander Schmril (gold) and Petr Nymbursky (silver) of Czech Republic. Akhil also won a team gold alongside Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Niraj Kumar, the other Indians who were part of the event.

Akhil Sheoran

This is a big shot in the arm for the 28-year-old from UP, who has been associated with the Indian team since 2012. His coach, Deepali Deshpande, could not hide her emotions. Deepali has known Akhil since the time he joined the team as a junior shooter in the aforementioned year. "It's like a dream. Two shooters have earned quotas," says Deepali. The second shooter that Deepali was referring to is Swapnil Kusale, a rifle shooter who is also under her watch and had already secured an Olympic quota.

Unlike many other sports, it's hard to gauge how the shooters will perform on a particular day. A shooter might have had an exceptional build-up but the future still remains a big mystery as many factors come to play in a competitive environment. But Deepali says Akhil, an Indian Railways employee, is built to thrive under pressure. "Akhil does not succumb to pressure. I'm not worried about him performing well in practice and not knowing how he'll perform during competitions. I never have that doubt. I know he'll always do well under pressure."

It could be down to his mental make-up as he is kind of a perfectionist according to Deepali. "He's very particular about certain things. Until things are according to what he thinks is perfect, he'll never be satisfied. So we call him rhondhu (crybaby), he'll always be crying. Even when he does well, he'll be crying," she says with a hearty laugh.

What seems to be amusing has been his source of strength too. When he is in his comfort zone, he just doesn't let other factors distract him. Deepali, over the years, has learnt to bring the best out of him. It has been a challenge for both but it seems to be clicking now.

"It can work both ways sometimes. It can be his weakness also at some point. It's how we handle it. He has understood it and he's doing fine. I have told him, 'if it's not working, you just have to make it work'. A match is a match, he has to adjust and figure out things. He has also realised that time is slipping away and whatever he has to do, he has to do it now itself. I'm glad that it is working for him," she notes.

Heartbreak for Rhythm

Rhythm Sangwan missed out on an Olympic quota by a whisker after finishing eighth in the finals of the women's 25m pistol. As three finalists had already secured quotas before the event, Rhythm just had to avoid first elimination and finish seventh or higher.

EXPRESS READ

Anahat clinches gold in Asian Junior Squash

DALIAN (CHINA): India's Anahat Singh clinched the gold medal in the U-17 category of the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships. The 15-year-old Anahat beat Hong Kong's Ena Kwong 3-1 to win the gold. She had beaten Malaysian players Doyce Lee and Whitney Isabelle Wilson in the quarterfinal and semifinal, respectively.

Messi scores as Inter Miami win League Cup

NASHVILLE: Lionel Messi scored early in regulation time and then converted the first shot in penalty kicks as Inter Miami defeated Nashville SC 10-9 on penalties in the Leagues Cup final to clinch the trophy. The Argentine footballer scored for the 10th time in seven games since joining Inter Miami, converting in the 23rd minutes.

EPL: Villa secure first win of season

LONDON: Aston Villa won for the first time this season as they routed Everton 4-0 on Sunday to erase the bitter taste of last weekend's thrashing at Newcastle. They got back on track as goals from John McGinn, Douglas Luiz, Leon Bailey and Jhon Duran brushed aside Everton. Later, West Ham defeated Chelsea 3-1.

HOPE PRAGG CAN BE WORLD CHAMP IN 3 TO 5 YRS: RAMESH

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

CHESS Gurukul is based out of a two-bedroom apartment in T Nagar. For an academy that has produced hundreds of age group chess champions, including a chess prodigy — R Praggnanandhaa — its existence is almost lost in the multitude of buildings in the vicinity. There's nothing that cries for attention. The academy is on the first floor and like all places that are sacred, one has to take off the footwear before entering. Coach RB Ramesh ushered us in. There was a sense of pride in his voice whenever he spoke about his ward Praggnanandhaa. The World Cup has been one of those gratifying moments and in fact, he revealed during the conversation, they were not expecting it to go this far. But like he says "Pragg is almost playing perfect chess". Excerpts

Coach RB Ramesh with his ward R Praggnanandhaa

Pragg-Caruana to be decided on tiebreaks

R Praggnanandhaa's semifinal against Fabiano Caruana will go into tie-breaks after the duo drew again. Both players held firm and there were no clear openings for the majority of the match. In the other semifinal, Magnus Carlsen advanced after Nijat Abasov couldn't get the win he needed to take the tie to tiebreaks.

You want Pragg to be independent. Can a chess player be independent at the age of 16 or 17 or does it take a lot of effort?

It takes a tremendous amount of effort. That's why most people are not able to do this. It happened in 2021 when Pragg was playing in Tata Steel Masters, one of the strongest annual events in the world. Even Pragg was invited and I accompanied him. We were supposed to stay in the same room. He was like 15 or 16. And I got COVID, the day I reached and I was quarantined in a different room and he was forced to stay alone. He eats vegetarian food and it's not easily accessible. Usually we cook and eat. So he had to learn cooking on his own and commute to the playing hall.

It was the first time he was doing it and it's happening in the middle of a major event. So this adaptation, I felt, could affect his performance, but he coped very well. We had Zoom calls or whatsapp calls to guide him. But he handled the pressure. I thought this is the direction we should take because I'm also growing old and cannot be with him forever.

I kept telling him, you have to follow a strict routine. It's very easy to maybe just watch some series or play some video games and then you feel 'OK, some more time, some more time and then it's two o'clock'. It can easily happen to a teenager. But he has the willpower. All this discipline, not skipping the breakfast, having lunch on time. The discipline a player shows outside of chess, I think shapes the decisions they take on the board as well.

Express Special

On the new crop of India players – D Gukesh, Pragg, Arjun Erigaisi and Nihal Sarin.

If you notice one thing about these youngsters, I believe, at least I know for Pragg. And we had discussed earlier when he came to me. We decided like we should stay away from movies, serials and internet. Use internet only for chess purposes and learning purposes, not for socialising and so on. And you have to kind of dedicate yourself for chess, which was very easy for Pragg because he knew he is very talented and he knew he's going to be hopefully a world champion. That was his dream from a very young age. And he knew like if he gets into all this mess, then he can say goodbye to his chess aspirations. He has that willpower and discipline to keep away from this. He doesn't have any video games or Netflix in his mobile phone. The children you are seeing at the top, they have learnt self-discipline, self control over all these temptations.

Playing Caruana, one of the highest-rated players?

Pragg will hardly pay any attention to Caruana's rating. But he knows Caruana is a very strong player who has played in the world championship against Magnus quite well. But Pragg will look at this as a fantastic experience to play against a good player. We see it as any opportunity to play with a stronger player. We see it as a kind of a boon or a blessing. So that's how we learn.

Carlsen was saying while you were coaching in Norway, in his academy, you used to tell the students "Be like Pragg". What is to be like Pragg?

It was about his qualities and not achievements. When I was talking to the children in the Nordic countries, considering the scene, I was asking like, are you all happy with the effort you put? And do you think you have done enough for your growth of chess? And every single one of them said 'no', I took a picture also. So I said, like, please raise your hand, everyone in the room raised their hand.

And I asked, 'who is stopping you? Is it the society or parents or coaches or anyone in your family or friends?' They said 'no one, it's us'. I asked, 'why'?

And they said, 'like we have other priorities, we have other commitments'. So, in the West, teenagers.... I wouldn't call it independent. May be lack of self control. So they give total freedom to their desires and their impulses. As a result, they have less self control. They feel like if I give in to my cravings, it's freedom. I gave Pragg's example. He can easily play video games. He can have friends, can socialise a lot; he can go partying and all. But he consciously avoids them because that's the price he's paying for becoming a better chess player and becoming a better chess player makes him more happy than all these other things combined. So it is in this sense I said, 'be like Pragg'.

How long will Pragg take to be a world champ?

... So the way I see as a professional, from my understanding of Pragg, I think he can be a world champion in another three to five years. I'm hoping it will happen in this time frame.

On the opportunity of playing in Candidates?

This World Cup has given him an opportunity to play the Candidates, which we did not think would happen this time. So Pragg was largely focussing on the match against Hikaru (Nakamura) because that's a big hurdle. Hikaru has defeated Magnus also recently in this format. So he is a very dangerous opponent.

Full interview: newindianexpress.com

Rinku unlocked: Batter shines in 1st India outing

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

ALIGARH, a city 150 km away from New Delhi, is famous for its locks. Such is the quality of those locks that it is one of the most exported items from the city. On August 18, Rinku Singh became the first player from Aligarh to represent India in international cricket. And his first innings in India colours proved to be the key for India going past 180 in the second.

Losing the toss, India captain Jasprit Bumrah was happy to let his batters make the most of sunny conditions in Malahide. Ruturaj Gaikwad and Yashasvi Jaiswal gave India a fiery start, but the latter and Tilak Varma fell in quick succession inside five overs. Sanju Samson and Gaikwad added 71 runs for the fourth wicket before Singh came to the crease in the 13th over.

Finally getting the opportunity to bat after the rain-marred first T20I, the 25-year-old got off to a mark with a lovely cut shot. In the next over, he swept well off Ben White to get his first boundary and looked extremely comfortable doing it.

Even after losing the vice-captain with five overs to go, Singh partnered with Shivam Dube to keep India in the hunt for a big score. In the penultimate over, he smashed Barry McCarthy with two sixes and a boundary. **Brief scores:** India 185/5 in 20 ovs (Gaikwad 58, Samson 40, Rinku 38; McCarthy 2/36) **bt** Ireland 152/8 in 20 ovs (Balbirnie 72; Bumrah 2/15, Prasidh 2/29).

Satwik-Chirag to lead India's campaign at Worlds

THE BEST SHUTTLERS WILL BE ON SHOW AT COPENHAGEN FOR THE WORLDS FROM MONDAY. FROM AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE, THERE ARE MULTIPLE STORYLINES TO LOOK FORWARD TO...

SATCHI'S GOLDEN RUN

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty come into the tournament as one of the favourites for the title, that in itself speaks volumes about the way they have grown in stature over the last 18 months or so. When they first started making a name for themselves, it was as giant-killers with a touch of inconsistency. Now, they are apex predators capable of winning the biggest match-ups and titles.

EYES ON SINDHU

The two-time Olympic medallist and former world champion (2019) usually feasts on the biggest stage. From that perspective, her downturn in some of the smaller tournaments this year isn't too much of a concern. But, saying that, this tournament will give the world a chance to see how she has remodelled and reworked her game under a new coach and if she can get her 2023 truly going.

LAKSHYA VS PRANNOY

There was a time when Indian men's singles started and ended with K Srikanth. These days, it's between the young Lakshya Sen and the much older HS Prannoy. Both have form on their sides coming into the tournament, with Sen reaching the semifinals of the Japan Open late last month. Prannoy was a losing finalist in Australia at the beginning of this month.

JOLLY-GAYATRI AXIS

Have had several highly creditable results as a pair including reaching the semifinals at All England earlier this year. But Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand are still searching for consistency. The 15th seeds get an automatic bye into the second round but do have a tough draw where they could potentially run into the first seeds in the third round.

INDIAN SQUAD **Men's singles:** K Srikanth, HS Prannoy, Lakshya Sen, **Women's singles:** PV Sindhu, **Men's doubles:** Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty, **Women's doubles:** Treesa Jolly/Gatayri Gopichand, Ashwini Bhat, Shikha Gautam, **Mixed doubles:** N Sikki Reddy/Rohan Kapoor, VG Prasad, Juhi Dewangan

Wrestlers pose with their U-20 World C'ships medals in New Delhi | PARVEEN NEGI

FUTURE PERFECT

Indian women wrestlers created history as they won the team championship at the U-20 World Championships in Amman City, Jordan. Antim Panghal led the charge as she became the first woman from the country to retain her crown at the event, clinching 53kg gold. The wrestlers reached the country on Sunday and shared their experience and future goals...

Focus on Asian Games, Worlds

Antim will represent country at the Asian Games and Senior World Championships. Despite winning trials, Antim was kept as a standby for Vinesh Phogat for the quadrennial event. An injury to the latter meant, she is ready for challenge at the continental showpiece event.

My joy was amplified when I learned that I've been selected for the Asian Games, as Vinesh di (Vinesh Phogat) had a knee injury, and I was on standby. I'm overjoyed with this opportunity. Now, my focus shifts to preparing for the Asian Games and the seniors World Championship trials — Antim Panghal

Priya Malik and Savita

- Apart from Antim, Savita (62kg) and Priya Malik (76kg) pocketed a gold each in their respective weight categories. While Priya converted her 2022 silver into gold, Savita, who won U-17 world crown in Istanbul earlier this month, finished first in 62kg.
- Antim Kundu (65kg) won silver while Reena (57kg), Arju (68kg) and Harshita bagged a bronze medal each.

CHAMPIONS

Spain tame England, lift maiden World Cup trophy

AFP @ Sydney

SPAIN won the Women's World Cup for the first time in their history with skipper Olga Carmona sweeping in the only goal for a deserved 1-0 victory over England in Sunday's final. In front of a crowd of nearly 76,000 at Stadium in Sydney, Spain were the more accomplished side and had more chances.

Spain are the fifth team to lift the World Cup since the tournament began in 1991, joining outgoing champions the United States, Germany, Norway and Japan. In front of Spain's Queen Letizia, defender Carmona scored what turned out to be the winner, rampaging from left-back to thrash the ball in low and hard on 29 minutes.

Playing in their blue second kit, England had the first sniff of a chance in the fifth minute but Lauren Hemp shot weakly at goalkeeper Cata Coll.

There was little to choose between them in the opening exchanges before both teams had golden opportunities on the quarter-hour mark. First, Manchester City forward Hemp struck the bar with a curler that had Coll well beaten.

Spain went up the other end and should have scored but Salma Paralluelo — in for Alexia Putellas — missed the ball in the six-yard box. Then Alba Redondo hit a first-time strike straight at goalkeeper Mary Earps with the England goal gaping. Hemp then had another tame effort saved, before the game was momentarily held up in the 24th minute when a spectator darted on to the pitch before being wrestled away by security.

Spain celebrate their win over England in the final of Women's World Cup | AP

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

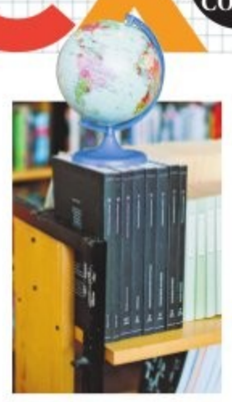
INDIAN AIR FORCE AFCAT	UPSC CSE MAINS	AIR FORCE AGNIVEER EXAM
Date: August 25 to 27	Date: September 15 to 24	Date: October 13

Scared to take education loans?

Here are some of your questions answered by **Damini Mahajan**, CEO and Co-Founder, WeMakeScholars.com — an education finance platform

Will I be able to pay my education loan on time?

Since the return on investment after a master's is adequate in general, students who had taken loans for their education were able to pay their loans back on time. Students might feel apprehensive about whether they will be able to pay back the loans on time, but usually, that is not as difficult as it might seem



HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO REPAY A LOAN IN THESE COUNTRIES

USA: Achieving net zero requires a minimum of three years, but ideally should not extend beyond five years

Canada, Germany: In Canada and Germany, it takes about 3.5 years. This is feasible due to the absence of tuition fees for master's in Germany while in Canada, the cost of a master's degree doesn't exceed ₹30 lakh. A one-year course in Canada is about ₹15-₹17 lakh, with living expenses

UK: It might take up to 6.5 years or more to achieve a net zero. People usually return to India due to work visa-related issues. The process sometimes becomes arduous as they have to pay back the loans in Indian currency

Australia: Repaying education loans can take up to five years, owing to the elevated tuition fees. However, these figures remain subjective, contingent upon the nature of one's employment

CURRENCY CHRONICLES

PURSUING STEM ABROAD

A dream degree, superior facilities and a coveted lifestyle —nations like the UK, the US and Australia are top picks when it comes to technical education. But should finances be a worry right from the start? **Lovely Majumdar** spoke to experts and students to get intriguing insights

What about Scholarships?

Macquarie University Director Abizer Merchant says that scholarships can range from small bursaries to full scholarships, and the selection criteria and the disbursement is unique to each and every varsity. He also says that such scholarships are merit-based but also consider other points such as achievements in sports and other extracurricular activities and so on

Dr Stefano Landini from University of East Anglia (UEA), states that there are a variety of scholarships available for international students wanting to pursue undergraduate programmes. "Scholarships at UEA include an automatic one-year discount of 4,000 Euros (approximately ₹3.6 lakh). For MSc courses, students who meet specific academic grade requirements are automatically eligible for the UEA India Award, leading to a minimum discount of 4,000 Euros, which can be increased to 5,000 Euros (approximately ₹4.5 lakh)," he says

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Christopher Elms, Spokesperson of the US Embassy, New Delhi, reckons that with the right kind of planning and research at the time of applying to US universities, one can find their "best fit" that fulfils both their academic needs and proves affordable

Students can access scholarships list via www.educationusa.state.gov/find-financial-aid or contact their nearest EducationUSA Center

Elms mentions the Quad Fellowship, an initiative of the governments of Australia, India, Japan and the US. This sponsors 100 American, Japanese, Australian and Indian master's and doctoral students in STEM to study in the US

STUDENTS wanting to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education in a foreign country have a myriad of reasons to do so. They look for opportunities that would reinvent their identities and expose them to global culture.

The moment of real judgement comes when a student not only has to prove their merit but also demonstrate if they are able to pursue that coveted degree abroad without making finances their central worry.

EdexLive spoke to STEM experts and students from all around the world in order to get an elaborate view of how students can make the most of their STEM courses.

The expected costs

When thinking of pursuing education abroad, the first thought that may pop into students' minds is EXPENSES. Even with meticulous planning, sometimes they find themselves in a fix due to high course fees or an increase in living expenses.

Hence, Mohit Gambhir, Managing Director of Oxford International Education Services, says that the courses in the UK can be not only cost-effective but also time effective, as most undergraduate degree programmes in the UK are three years in duration as compared to four years in other countries and the postgraduate degree programmes vary from one to two years.

Dr Stefano Landini, who is a Mechanical Engineering lecturer at the University of East Anglia (UEA), says that universities situated far from the bustling metropolis London offer highly advantageous propositions as costs are almost 39% more economical.

When it comes to studying in a country like Australia that is booming with multiple opportunities in STEM, Abizer Merchant, Director (India & Sri Lanka) at Macquarie University is of the opinion that Australian education is focused on providing employable skills to STEM students. Undergraduate education in Australia is not funded by the university, so the expenses can be relatively on the higher side if other costs including health insurance, visa fees and return international fares are considered.

But what about the United States, when it comes to education? With close to 4,000 accredited universities in every imaginable field, Delhi spokesperson for the US Embassy, Christopher Elms says that it is difficult to pin down a definitive cost as students from STEM may be granted waivers and assistantships.

The return on investment

Before pursuing education abroad, the foremost thought that may cross an individual's mind is whether they would be able to reap the benefits of the money invested.

Suvajeet Das, who pursued his Master's degree in Metallurgical Engineering from RWTH Aachen University, Germany, says that core engineering courses such as Civil, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Electrical and so on are usually free in technical universities. He adds, "From 2016-2018, I paid 280 Euros per semester (equivalent to ₹25,500 in 2023) that included the cost of the student semester ticket (for transportation) and other different contributions."

In addition to incurring significantly lower expenses, Das was seeking internships while completing his master's thesis. These internships with flexible working hours offered a remuneration ranging from 1000 to 1200 Euros per month, equivalent to approximately 91,000 to 1.09 lakh.

"Even if someone pays a separate semester fee and starts working, one can almost break even on the investment within two to three years," he opines. Sanskar Agarwal, who is pursuing Computer Science and Software Systems at the University of Melbourne, recently completed his internship with an algorithm trading company in Australia which paid him an amount of 60000 AUD (equivalent to ₹32.5 lakh) for a three-month internship. He also adds that in other internships, one can easily earn an amount of around 30000-40000 AUD (approximately ₹16.3 lakh - ₹21.7 lakh).

"Yes, I would acknowledge that the fees are high but it is significantly cheaper than finishing your education in America. The return on investment is also good and it is relatively easier to get a job here," the University of Melbourne student adds.

Another student, Mainak Mondal, who completed his Master's in Computer Science with specialisation in Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics from Tomsk State University, Russia said that it is comparatively easier to get a scholarship in Russia as compared to other countries. "I was initially offered a 60% tuition fee waiver. After a meeting with my supervisor, I was further offered an additional 20% waiver by the university. To cover the rest cost me around ₹3 lakh for the course."

Mainak, who is now a Research Assistant at the University of Connecticut in the USA, was involved with several projects while in Russia, which gave him an impetus to pursue a fully-funded PhD in the States. He adds that he is quite satisfied with the return on investment as the money invested was minimal and the quality of the projects he was involved in, secured him several positions to further research.

Typical tuition fees and living expenses for a bachelor's and master's engineering degree could vary from $35,000 to $80,000 (approximately ₹29 lakh to ₹66 lakh) or more per year depending on several factors, but scholarships may help defray these costs — Christopher Elms

The tuition fees in the United Kingdom range from ₹10 lakh to ₹15 lakh, per annum. Other expenses including living and accommodation cost are ₹8 lakh to ₹12 lakh per annum depending on the location of the university — Mohit Gambhir

Tuition fees at Australian universities can vary between AUD 25,000 - 45,000 per annum (₹13.75 lakh - ₹24.75 lakh). Living expenses are estimated to be around AUD 25,000 (₹13.75 lakh) per annum — Abizer Merchant

Overseas students should expect an approximate annual programme tuition fee of 21000 Euros (approximately ₹19.1 lakh) — Stefan Landini

WHEN STUDENTS DEFAULT

What could happen if a student becomes a defaulter

In Australia, students are provided with several payment plans and in case of political disturbances or calamitous events, students are offered greater support, says Abizer Merchant. But he also warns that non-payment of fees without a valid reason leads to cancellation of enrollment, which has further implications on the validity of the visa.

The spokesperson from UEA (UK), pertaining to the rules of the university, says that students usually get a 28-day extension per academic year, but if students fail to pay the fees on time, the university may employ the services of an international debt collection agency, which increases the cost that is to be recovered to include the cost of employing debt collectors.

loan issues

Awareness of financial standing

According to experts, educational institutions scrutinise the financial status of applicants to ensure their capability to sustain themselves and fulfill tuition fee obligations. This is a university requirement and influences the issuance of a student visa. They reckon that it will be best for students to have their funding in place prior to applying for a visa, so that they can focus on their academics.

Students dropping out

Student Mohit Gambhir says that in most instances, the motivation to drop out is for employment, which is sometimes outside the framework of permissible laws.

For students studying at Australian universities, Abizer Merchant says that medical facilities on or around the campus are available that provide consultations on mental or physical issues faced by the students.

In the UK, Prof Stefano Landini, says that students are assigned an Academic Advisor who provides support to students throughout their term.

Can students work in different countries?

Students enrolled in a study programme can work up to 20 hours a week, on or off campus. Those who have completed their graduation can apply for a PGWP (Post Graduate Work Permit) valid from eight months to three years after issuance, allowing them to work for any employer

Graduating students can work 120 hours of full day a year, or 240 half days for a year (eight hours is a full day of working). After graduation, a student visa can be turned into a work permit to look for jobs within 1.5 years. If the permit lapses and they don't have a job, renewal is an option

A full-time student in the USA can get the F-1 Visa, where they cannot work off-campus, but can only accept on-campus employment with certain conditions and restrictions. F-1 students who have been enrolled in valid F-1 student status for a minimum of nine months may be eligible to apply for US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) which allows them up to 12 months of STEMOPT (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics - Optional Practical Training Extension)

International students in the United Kingdom are given student visas that permit them to work part-time, that is, 20 hours a week during their term and full-time during their breaks. Whereas, after graduation, a PSW, or post-study work visa allows them to work for a period of two years

International students on student visa can work up to 48 hours per fortnight while classes are in session and full time in semester breaks. They are also allowed to pursue internships at Australian companies. Students who have completed their studies can apply for a post study work permit or a temporary graduate visa within six months of finishing the course

WHICH UNIVERSITY TO STUDY AT? HERE ARE THE WORLD'S BEST

The Times Higher Education (THE) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University rankings for the ongoing academic session indicate that US and UK remain the most popular countries for studying Engineering abroad, as they are home to the best universities

HERE'S A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TOP UNIVERSITIES SOLELY BASED ON THEIR ENGINEERING PROGRAMME

Rank	THE Rankings 2023	QS World University Rankings 2024
1	Harvard University, US	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US
2	Stanford University, US	Stanford University, US
3	University of California, Berkeley, US	University of Cambridge, UK
4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US	University of Oxford, UK
5	University of Oxford, UK	University of California, Berkeley, US
6	California Institute of Technology, US	Imperial College, London, UK
7	University of Cambridge, UK	ETH Zurich, Switzerland
8	National University of Singapore, Singapore	Harvard University, US
9	Princeton University, US	Tsinghua University, China
10	ETH Zurich, Switzerland	California Institute of Technology, US

Worried about the funds? Here are scholarships you can avail!

Studying Engineering abroad certainly requires a good amount of funds. However, various organisations, Indian and international, offer lucrative scholarships which students can apply for to aid their education

Tata scholarship at Cornell University: Offered by the Tata Education and Development Trust, this is meant for about 20 students who are accepted to UG courses at Cornell University in the US

NUS Science & Technology UG Scholarship: This is awarded by the National University of Singapore (NUS) to students who wish to apply to UG course in Computing, Engineering or Science

Fulbright Fellowships: These are for students who wish to pursue UG or PG courses in the US. Look up the United States-India Educational Foundation portal for more details

Education Future International Scholarship: Funded by scholarship winners worldwide, this scholarship is recognised by UNESCO. This is open for all areas of UG and PG courses as well

QUEST scholarship: The Queen's Jubilee Scholarship Trust (QUEST) was set up to encourage pursuit of careers in Civil Engineering in the UK. The scholarship is available for UG courses and beyond

Microsoft Disability Scholarship: This is awarded to students with disabilities who plan to pursue a UG course in the US and aspire to build a career in the technology industry

English proficiency tests Tips, do's & dont's

English proficiency is a basic requirement for pursuing education abroad. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are popularly accepted proficiency tests by foreign universities. Here are tips to help you ace the tests

1 Early start: Students are advised to start preparing as early as eight weeks from the exam date. They should take a practice test first to identify the areas they are lacking in and then work on these areas

2 Improving skills: Both tests assess students on four language skills, which are, speaking, reading, listening and writing. Students should work on improving these skills with regular practice by themselves and with a guide as well. They can take the practice tasks offered online free-of-cost

3 Know the format: Getting acquainted with the format is very important as it ensures ease and confidence while appearing for the test. It will also help practice better

4 Study from various sources: It is always better to go beyond the range of the available guidebooks and online materials for practice. Students can take to reading comic books, listening to songs and watching movies for exposure to "passive learning". It's entertaining too!

5 Make a study routine: At any given time, two hours of focused study is much better than five hours of study interspersed with a lot of procrastination, isn't it? So, students are advised to make an effective study plan and stick to it!

6 Know your speed: TOEFL and IELTS takers need to be quick when it comes to writing while taking care not to exceed the prescribed word limit. Similarly, getting acquainted with the QWERTY format of a keyboard is very important for TOEFL iBT (Internet-based test) takers, as otherwise, they will struggle with typing

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Aradhanaa speaks about her debut movie Kaatera

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DAY'S DIARY

Wild life protection

In 1972, the Parliament of India passed the Wild Life (Protection) Act, which bats for the protection of plants and animal species

ABOUT THE ACT

The Act protects amphibians, birds, mammals, and reptiles, and their young ones. It bars capturing, killing, poisoning, snaring, or trapping any wild animal

PROTECTED SPECIES

The Indian Star Tortoise, Red Ear Slider, sea animals like otter, penguin, birds like mainas, muniyas, peacocks are illegal to own privately

THE BILL

The bill was presented by Environment and Forest Minister Bhupender Yadav after being approved by the Lok Sabha on August 2

BRINGING BACK THE '90S

Actor **Gulshan Devaiah** on building his character Chaar Cut Atmaram in *Guns & Gulaabs* and what makes Raj & DK's storytelling different from others

A still from the series

MONIKA MONALISA

GUNS & Gulaabs, the latest from filmmaker duo Raj & DK (Raj Nidimoru and Krishna Dasarakothapalli) on Netflix, screams the '90s. Not just any part of that decade but particularly the Bollywood-dominated time. So it was inevitable for Gulshan Devaiah to take great inspiration for his character, Chaar Cut Atmaram, from that era.

There is no prize for guessing the inspiration behind his hair, which is definitely reminiscent of Sanjay Dutt, from the *Saajan* days. "There are some references to Mithunda (Chakraborty). I have so many tattoos, and there is some meaning to them. I wanted to use a different kind of knife which would be my homage to Hindi films," says Devaiah. However, he suggests that if someone wants to dress like him for this Halloween, then along with the hairstyle, the boots are also very important. "It made me walk a certain way. And about my teeth, rather than staining them, I used an invigilator, which made me speak in a certain way," he adds.

From the look of the show, it is quite evident that it is set in an 'absurd world', and Devaiah says that is its USP. "All of the characters are imaginations of Raj & DK and Suman Kumar. They birthed the characters, and we raised them. It is set in such a world where characters are a bit over-the-top. Raj and DK's storytelling is supposed to be fun. We submit ourselves to them," the actor says, adding, "With stories like *The Family Man*, you don't know what's going to happen next. It is an edge-of-the-seat thriller, but many find humour in such absurd scenarios. That absurdity glues everything together whether it's a thriller, comedy or even a zombie movie like *Go Goa Gone*."

Apart from Devaiah, the star cast of the show includes Rajkummar Rao, Dulquer Salmaan, and Adarsh Gourav. While it sounds like it was a fun set with a band of boys, Devaiah reveals he spent most of his time with co-star TJ Bhanu. "TJ and I would chat for hours. She is a fascinating character herself. I don't know what these boys were up to," he says with a laugh. "But jokes apart, I had a great time promoting the show with Dulquer. He is an absolute gentleman, and handles stardom with grace and calmness," he says.

GRUB HUB

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Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Tarapori Patio 2) Julia Child
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FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Dr Vibhashree G N
2. Niveditha B N
3. Uma Premkumar

MUSIC TO THE EARS

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CITY READ

Bengaluru to host SPXCEJXM Festival in November

SPXCEJXM Festival will take place in two of India's most noted cities, Mumbai and Bengaluru, on November 4 and 5. Over 24 acts will take the stage (in both cities) in a line-up that includes a healthy combination of international and Indian artistes. The festival is not just limited to a string of performances; it will also feature an art village to ensure the experience doesn't get monotonous for the attendees. The focus of the art village will be to showcase art installations and also highlight other immersive projects. With three stages at the two-day mega event of this two-city festival, SPXCEJXM (pronounced as 'Spacejam') will host some of the most notable alternative, pop, rock, R&B, hip-hop and jazz artistes from India and the world. Get ready to book soon as tickets are on sale now, with more enticing details of the line-up and the event dropping soon.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE CLINIC

AUGUST 13, 2023 marked a profoundly significant occasion for the Village Clinic of Padmashree Dr. B. Ramana Rao, nestled in T.Begur within the Nelamangala Taluk along the Bangalore-Tumkur Highway. The Village Clinic has achieved a remarkable milestone of half a century, standing as the world's longest-serving free clinic.

Dr. Rao embarked upon his journey of service to the underprivileged and destitute five decades ago, spurred by the enduring inspiration and blessings bestowed by his parents.

For the past 50 years, the Doctor has been a constant presence at the Clinic every Sunday. He even persevered through the challenges posed by the pandemic, unwavering in his commitment. What began as a humble endeavour, treating a solitary patient each Sunday, has burgeoned to encompass more than 2000 patients.

The Doctor emphatically attributes the realization of The Village Clinic to the unwavering support extended by his wife, Hema. Her meticulous attention to detail and generous allocation of time allowed him to tend to his patients. The Doctor consistently acknowledges the dedicated efforts of his staff, both at his Bangalore clinic and in T.Begur, as an integral part of this noble undertaking.

While he humbly refers to himself as the second generation, it is heartening to note that the torch is eagerly carried by the third and fourth generations. His elder son, Dr. Charit Bhograj, M.D; DM, has flourished as an Interventional Cardiologist. The younger son, Dr. Abhijit Bhograj, has distinguished himself as an Endocrinologist. The family's contributions extend further, with his elder daughter-in-law, Dr. Shantini, excelling as a Dermatologist, and his younger daughter-in-law, Jahnavi, passionately pursuing a career as a Nutritionist. The fourth generation, comprising the grandchildren of Dr. Rao, stands poised and enthusiastic to perpetuate this rich legacy.

Through the years, The Village Clinic has extended care to more than two million individuals. It has not only offered medical treatment but also furnished mid-day meals to its patients, constructed over 700 toilets in the neighbouring villages' homes, distributed walking aids, medications, clothing, and essential food grains. Additionally, the Clinic has been a pillar of support to government schools, facilitating the provision of crucial infrastructure, all without charge.

The event was graced by the presence of luminaries and dignitaries, inaugurated by none other than Dr. G. Parameshwara, Home Minister of the Government of Karnataka. This celebration not only commemorated the past but also illuminated a path of dedication and service for the years yet to come.

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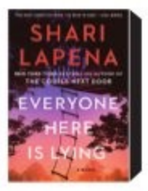


Everyone Here Is Lying: A Novel

by Shari Lapena

William Wooler is a family man, on the surface but, has been having an affair, that ended horribly on an afternoon at a motel up the road. He loses his temper when he returns home to find his finds his daughter unexpectedly home from school.

House of Roots and Ruin

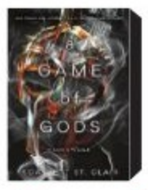
by Erin A Craig

The story revolves around seventeen-year-old Verity Thaumas, who is stuck in the family estate of Highmoor with her 14-years-older sister Camille and her family, despite dreams of adventures far beyond the Salann shores.

Brothers and Sisters: The Allman Brothers Band and the Inside Story of the Album That Defined the '70s

by Alan Paul

The book delves into the making of the album, while also presenting a broader cultural history of the era, based on first-person interviews, historical documents and in-depth research.



A Game of Gods

by Scarlett St Clair

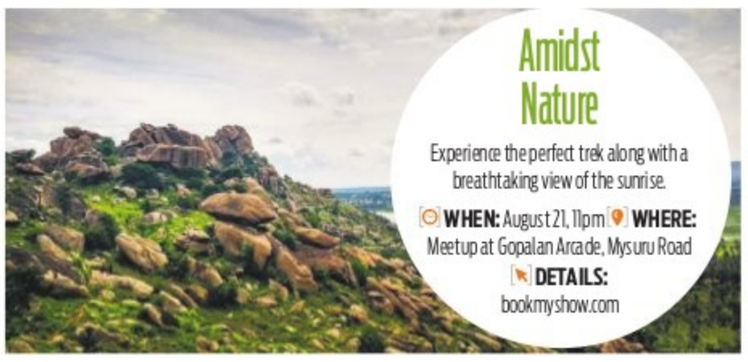
Hades, God of the Dead, has finally made Persephone his in every way possible. With their wedding on the horizon, the couple should be ecstatic. But Demeter is wreaking havoc.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Laughing out Loud

Take your friends and family to laugh with seasoned comedians who will fill your stomach with rib-tickling jokes.

WHEN: August 21, 8pm onwards
WHERE: YUCK Comedy Club, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Amidst Nature

Experience the perfect trek along with a breathtaking view of the sunrise.

WHEN: August 21, 11pm **WHERE:** Meetup at Gopalan Arcade, Mysuru Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Music Mania

Beat the Monday blues as DJ Ashwin spin some fun tunes and treat your self to some mouthwatering food.

WHEN: August 21, 8pm
WHERE: The Boozy Griffin, Marathahalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Karaoke Night!

Forget all your worries by singing your heart out, savouring some chilled beverages, and enjoying wonderful food.

WHEN: August 21, 7pm
WHERE: Marcopolo cafe, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Winery Visit

Experience the world of wines with a visit to a winery featuring wine tastings, wine stomping, a delectable lunch buffet, and soothing music – a perfect opportunity to unwind and enjoy.

WHEN: August 21, 10.30am onwards
WHERE: Kinvah Vineyards, Yelahanka Hobli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Book Talk

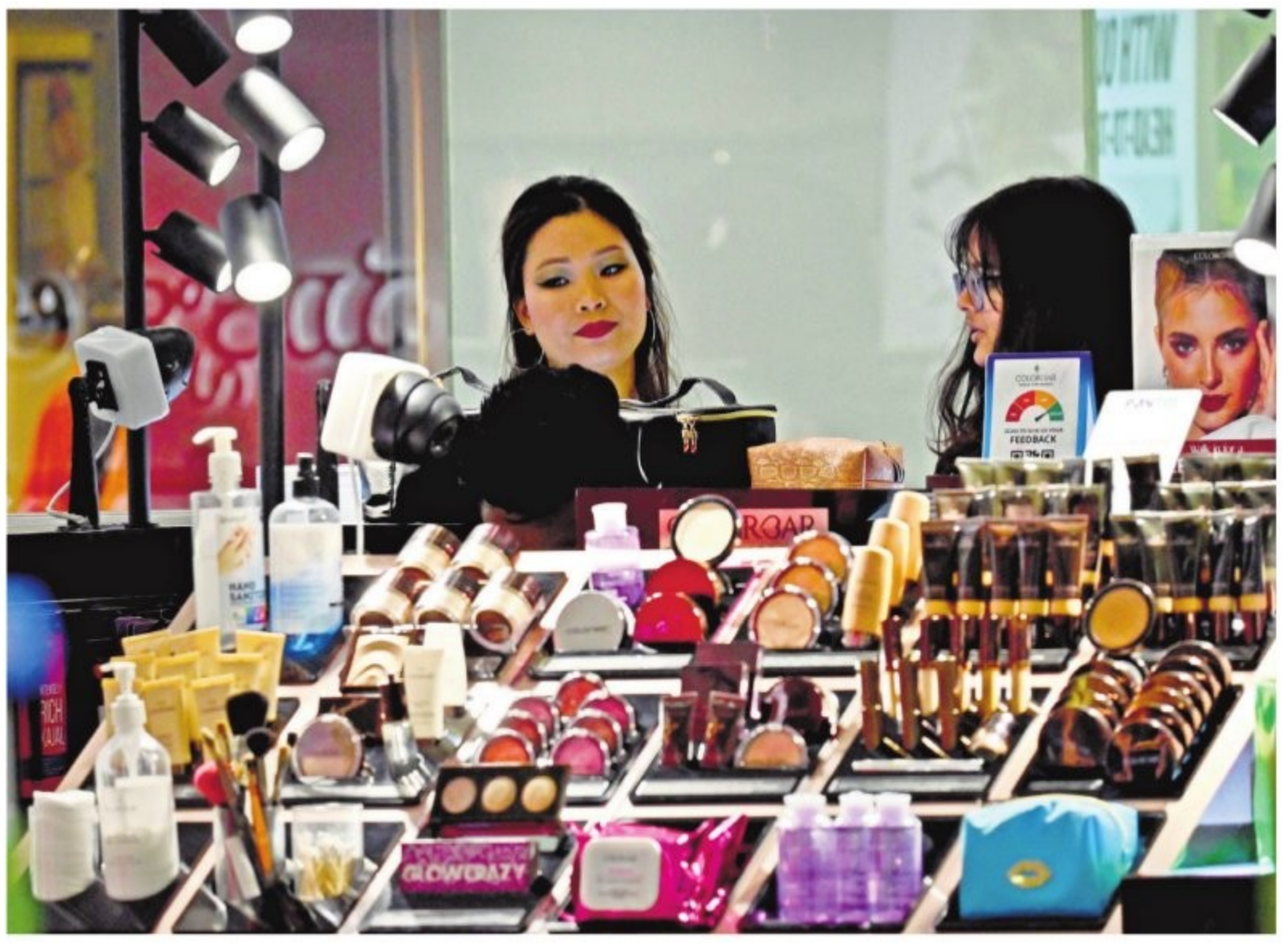
Meet author Abhishek Chaudhary who will be speaking about his book *Vajpayee: The Ascent of the Hindu Right, 1924–1977.*

WHEN: August 22, 6pm
WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
DETAILS: 9632510126

World of Clay

Learn the fundamentals of pottery and ceramics with experts, who will be giving simple tips about mastering the art.

WHEN: August 21, 10am **WHERE:** Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



BRUSHING IT UP

A lady checks out makeup for herself at a kiosk in a mall | SHASHIDHAR BY RAPPA

QUICK FIX

NO BAKE OREO TART

Contributed by **Divya Baarathi,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Oreo biscuit:** 20
- **Dark chocolate:** 150 g
- **Butter:** 2 tsp
- **Fresh cream:** 1/2 cup

METHOD

- Blitz the Oreo cookies into crumbs in a food processor.
- Add the melted butter and mix again to combine.
- Use this to line a tart pan lined with cling flim plastic wrap. Flatten using the back of a spoon. Place this in the freezer until we prepare the filling.
- Bring water to a boil in a saucepan. In a heatproof bowl, add the chopped dark chocolate. Place the bowl over the saucepan. Add cream and butter to the chocolate and stir constantly until the chocolate melts completely and becomes silky smooth. Allow it to cool slightly.
- Pour the chocolate filling into the tart shell. Set in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours, then freeze for 1 hour before taking out the tart and slicing.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

GOMUKHASANA VARIATION 2
(COW FACE POSE VARIATION 2)

This is a preparatory pose to Shoelace Pose and is variation to the peak pose of Gomukhasana. The positioning of the hands is like, Anjali Mudra Close Up. This pose is therapeutic due to its calming effect.

STEPS

- Sit by extending legs. Keep the spine straight. Place the palms on the floor and bring the left leg bent at the knee. Place the left foot near the right buttocks, take the ankle and the toes deep inside. Breathe.
- Raise the right leg bending at the knee and place the right thigh over the left thigh by bringing the right foot close to the left buttocks on the floor.
- Inhale, take a deep breath and elongate the torso, creating a straight spine.
- Join the hands in Anjali Mudra, placing the thumbs on the middle of the chest at the heart's centre.
- Keep the shoulders relaxed and away from the ears. Stretch the neck, outer thighs, glutes, knees, hips, toning at groins, inner thighs. Broaden shoulder blades, open chest slightly with the mudra awareness. Remain here for a few breaths.
- Release, relax and come back to Dandasana. Repeat the above steps using the legs, vice-versa.
- Relax in Dandasana Hands Back Knees Bent.
- Finally release after a few rounds, as per capacity. Relax in Savasana.

BENEFITS

- Helps in reducing anxiety and stress.
- Helps in reducing muscle stiffness.
- Aids in bringing balance to the lower body.
- Helps to sit for a longer duration for meditation.
- Anjali Mudra is an expression of unity between male and female, right and left side body, right and left side brain, yang and yin, prana and Apana Vayu, and physical and mental body, working to reach the eternal soul.
- Stimulates the thymus gland, keeping the endocrine system in balance.
- Helps in improving the immunity system of the body.
- Postnatal women, teens, kids, athletes, and pregnant women till the first semester, can practise this pose to enhance focus and lower body strength.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries in hips, knee, lower back, or ankles, have undergone surgeries in spine, hip or knee joint, those suffering from severe lower back pain, weak knees, hips or ankle joints, have knee and ankle arthritis, pregnant women in their 2nd and 3rd trimester and seniors with weak joints, should avoid.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KERALA CRIME FILES (Malayalam)

It all begins when the receptionist at a local lodge discovers the dead body of a sex worker in one of the rooms. The Ernakulam North Police Station officers swing into action and are determined to catch the person responsible.

Cast: RJ Vijay, Janani Ashok Kumar, Vishnu Vijay, Lavanya

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

TAALI (Hindi, series)

Based on the life of trans activist, Shree Gauri Sawant from Mumbai, the series throws light on her daring transformation, the journey towards motherhood.

Cast: Sushmita Sen, Ankur Bhatia, Nitish Rathore, Meenakshi Chugh

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

NIKHOJ (Bengali, series)

When DCP Brinda Basu's daughter goes missing after attending a party, the latter's mentor and famous journalist Romit Sen becomes the prime suspect in a supposed foul play.

Cast: Swastika Mukherjee, Tota Roy Chowdhury, Koneenica Banerjee

- **Watch on:** Hoichoi

GUNS AND GULAABS (Hindi, series)

Inspired by the Misfits of the World, the series mixes the nostalgic tales of romance, of the 90s, with crime.

Cast: Rajkummar Rao , Dulquer Salmaan, Adarsh Gourav

- **Watch on:** Netflix

VERA MAARI OFFICE (Tamil, series)

The show delves into the conflicts and friendships of between the experienced and the new joinees at the firm, The Great Indian Company and how they turn it into an enjoyable experience.

Cast: RJ Vijay, Janani Ashok Kumar, Vishnu Vijay, Lavanya

- **Watch on:** AhaTamil

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BESTSELLER (Hindi, series)

This is a psychological thriller that revolves around a Mumbai film writer suffering from writer's block and his fan from a small town.

Cast: Mithun Chakraborty, Arjan Bajwa, Shruti Hassan, Guauhar Khan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

NEYMAR (Malayalam)

Kunjava and Sinto are friends and both are ardent football fans. Kunjava realises he is in love with his classmate Dona. Finally, he decides to buy a pet, Neymar to grab her attention.

Cast: RJ Vijay, Janani Ashok Kumar, Vishnu Vijay, Lavanya

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

UNTOLD JOHNNY FOOTBALL (English, series)

This sports documentary series devotes an episode to Johnny Manziel, the bad boy quarterback's controversy-stained rise in college football, his NFL flameout and his off-field tumble into infamy and disgrace. It traces the meteoric rise and fall of the football star via interviews with friends and colleagues.

Cast: Johnny Manziel, Kliff Kingsbury, Ryan Duffy

- **Watch on:** Netflix

TIN & TINA (Spanish)

A story about desperation, faith, and the chilling repercussions of their intersection. At the core of this bone-tingling narrative are Lola and Adolfo, a couple yearning for the joys of parenthood, and the twins they adopt Tin and Tina, whose fervent religious beliefs birth terrifying outcomes.

Cast: Milena Smit, Jaime Lorente, Carlos Gonzalez Morollon

- **Watch on:** Netflix

PAINKILLER (English, series)

The series deals with the origins of the opioid crisis in the United States with an emphasis on Purdue Pharma, a company owned by Richard Sackler and his family, the manufacturer of OxyContin, as seen through the eyes of perpetrators, victims and truth-seekers.

Cast: Matthew Broderick, Uzo Aduba, Taylor Kitsch

- **Watch on:** Netflix

COCAINE BEAR (English)

The film chronicles what happens when a drug-smuggling plane drops a ton of cocaine in a Georgia forest where a 500-pound black bear inhales all of it.

Cast: Kerri Russell, O'Shea Jackson Jr., Margo Martindale, Alden Ehrenreich, Ray Liotta

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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ABUNDANCE AND BLESSINGS

Chef Gopi, Gaurav Sinha, Chef Laxman & Kerwin Nigli

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

I keep wondering why people only talk about our good weather. Our infrastructure sucks for sure! Pothole-ridden roads, chaotic traffic, unfinished projects and the abject failure of our public transport system plague our everyday existence. My 'everwise' Laxmi, our hardworking cook for many years now, is livid about the free transport for women on the buses. The 'powers that be' haven't thought this through by introducing the frequency or adding more buses. But as a populist move have made travelling on buses gratis. This causes undue hardship on the working women who use the buses as transport to and fro from work. The buses are now ferrying non-working older women from nearby mofussil towns who visit Bangalore and nearby temples thus overcrowding the buses. Laxmi says it takes her 2/3 hours to traverse a distance of 7 kilometers to get home! Talk about a knee-jerk philanthropic gesture! No guesses for who is paying for this.

I have had an eventful week. I ultimately gave in to the nagging of my well-meaning friends to 'relax' with a foot massage. Well, the next day I discovered a little red bump on my foot, which was very painful. I skedaddled to my dermatologist Dr Brian Nobby who advised me complete bed-rest! I looked at him askance as I was due to go out for dinner to the JW Marriott for a Hakkasan pop-up. I wasn't going to miss that for the world! Firstly the GM Gaurav Sinha extracted a solemn promise for my presence (I didn't need much coaxing as it is one of my favourite restaurants), and secondly I was flying off to Mumbai the next day for my munchkin's first birthday.

Mumbai was lovely! We landed a day before Alaia's birthday and only family were present. Of course ex-Bangalore boy, Kunal Chauhan who headed Leela Palace here and now handles the largest JW Marriott there, made sure we had a spectacular time at their specialty Italian restaurant, Romanos. After a glorious and happy lunch, a late afternoon swim capped the deal. (Alaia is a water baby). My munchkin is a chip of the 'ol block because after every little cutesy thing she does she beams into a clicking camera!

My short stint in Mumbai was lovely! I managed to catch a dekko of the immersive art experience at the NMACC and was mesmerised at both the centre and the art! All that walking against doctor's advice had me laid up with excruciating pain the entire week. Not too bad because, the enforced non-activity left me with all the time in the world with the baby. I came home in a wheelchair and went directly to my friend/doctor Dr Sushila Suresh who put me on a massive dose of antibiotics and painkillers. My parameters are haywire and she has sternly admonished me to walk at least 5,000 steps a day, at which I shamelessly retorted, "You will be the first to know at my first 500 steps!"

I returned to love, concern and lots of pampering. The sweetest and most touching surprise was a charcoal drawing of Hampi, which my friend and numero-uno artist Gurudas Shenoy presented me. I was blown away to receive the painting that simply said, 'For you Rubi'.

Surely I am blessed!

Music to the ears

While Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart continues to be a celebrated figure, his equally-impressive sister Maria Anna Mozart is almost forgotten. At a concert this evening, a city-based music group will bring alive the works of such overlooked musicians

DESE GOWDA

Like every disciple, art has seen incredible contributions by women achievers since time immemorial. Yet, history is replete with examples of women artistes being routinely overshadowed. In the world of music, male composers, both historical and contemporary, are celebrated, while female composers and musicians – however influential their contributions might have been – are not given the same recognition. In an effort to bring a change to such attitudes, city-based multi-genre musical group The Harmony Chorus is staging a performance titled *For You, M'Lady* at Bangalore International Centre on Monday, highlighting impressive compositions from some of the best women composers and songwriters, both from the past and the present.

"It's an attempt to bring unheard voices to the fore, creating a space where women composers are appreciated, just as much, if not more than their male counterparts," says Sandra Oberoi, city-based music educator, singer and founder of the music school The Harmony, who also curated the concert *For You, M'Lady*. Often celebrated as one of the greatest and prolific composers from the classical period, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, continues to be a celebrated figure today. Yet, his equally-impressive sister, Maria Anna Mozart is almost a forgotten figure. Similarly, Oberoi adds, "When you hear the name Schumann, you think of Robert Shcumann, not his wife Clara, who was also a fantastic composer. The same with Felix Mendelssohn and his sister Fanny Mendelssohn. So, it's important for audiences to also learn about these oft-forgotten composers and appreciate their music."

The roughly 90-minute-long concert will feature western classical music, spanning several hundred years. It also features works by contemporary pop songwriters such as Faouzia, Alicia Keys and more, along with two original a cappella choral compositions. "We're also doing a bit of musical theatre. It spans a couple hundred years, and different genres of music. It's very diverse, because no single genre is more important than the other. However, everyone will have their own likes and dislikes. The idea behind it is to really bring out the essence of what women are capable of. We're also doing two original pieces written by the members of The Harmony Chorus," says Oberoi.

Clara Schumann

Maria Anna Mozart

The concert is carefully curated to bring out the lesser-known works of female composers. "Whenever we do concerts, we choose material that isn't common and create a way to make it both accessible and relevant to the audiences. This event also features a bit of storytelling," says Oberoi, who is hoping the event will not only entertain music lovers but also leave them inspired. "The women in the audience will, perhaps, decide to write their own music, or even undertake their own research and encourage more voices. Similarly, I hope the men will be inspired to support and encourage women's voices to come out," she adds.

(For You, M'Lady will be staged on Aug 21, 7.30pm. More details at bangaloreinternationalcentre.org)

CITY READ

KASHMIRI FOOD FESTIVAL IN CITY

Neo Kitchen, Hilton Bengaluru Embassy Manyata Business Park is celebrating Kashmiri Cuisine, Phira Saal, a post wedding Kashmiri Pandit ritual wherein the bride's family invites the newly married couple and groom's immediate family members for a sumptuous feast. This special menu is curated by renowned chef Rahul Wali. Guests can savour Kashmiri Pandit cuisine that is traditionally cooked with heavy influence of hing, dry ginger and fennel powder. The cuisine's foundation lies in three gravies - kaliya (turmeric based); yakhni (yogurt based) and roganjosh(dried kashmiri red chilli powder based) which are used for both vegetarian and non- vegetarian dishes. The festival is on till August 26, 7 pm onwards, and is priced at ₹2,400++

PRESIDENT OF KARNATAKA STATE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION ELECTED

In the recently-concluded 50th Annual General Meeting of Karnataka State Chartered Accountants Association (KSCAA) on August 18, 13 members were elected to the post of executive committee for the year 2023-24. CA. Sujatha G was elected as the 51st president, the first lady president of the 67-year-old organisation along with CA Sunil Bhandhary as secretary of KSCAA.

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I, **K. SHIVAPRASAADH GUPTA,** S/o Late M.N. Kantharaj Setty, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **K. SHIVAPRASAD GUPTA** and **K. SHIVAPRASAADH GUPTA** are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **K. SHIVAPRASAD GUPTA to K. SHIVAPRASAADH GUPTA,** vide affidavit dated 18-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. SHASHIKALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Aryan Kashyap Sambhu Kumar Jha**, S/o. Mr. Sambhu Kumar Jha, Aged about 31 years, Residing at # 47033, Sobha Dream Acres, Panathur Main Road, Off. ORR Balagere, Bengaluru - 560 087, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARYAN KASHYAP SAMBHU KUMAR JHA** to **ARYAN KASHYAP** vide affidavit dated 18.08.2023 sworn to before Indira .S.S, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIBHA BINOY SASIDHARAN**, D/o. Binoy Sasidharan, Aged about 18 years, Residing at No. 1-5, Gurukripa Apts., 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Chikkanna Layout, R.S. Palya, Bangalore - 560 033, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIBHA SASIDHARAN** to **VIBHA BINOY SASIDHARAN** vide affidavit dated 19.08.2023 sworn to before T.V. Chandra Shekara Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YOGITHA H RAO** aged about 30 years, Residing at No.5, Muniswamy Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051 Have changed my name to **YOGITHA M** vide affidavit dated 19/08/2023 sworn before advocate and notary Gangaraju B.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SADULLA BASHA .A,** aged about 48 years, son of Abdulla Basha, residing at No.202, 6th cross, J.H.B.C.S. Layout, Bangalore. 560111, Have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SAADULLAH BASHA** vide affidavit dated 19/08/2023 sworn before advocate and notary M. Narendran, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDULLA SADULLA BASHA,** aged about 48 years, son of Abdulla Basha, P.P. No.E4155243, residing at No.202, 6th cross, J.H.B.C.S. Layout, Bangalore. 560111, Have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SAADULLAH BASHA** vide affidavit dated 19/08/2023 sworn before advocate and notary M. Narendran, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S KAVITHA,** previously called **NARENA DINESHKUMAR,** W/o Dr. Dineshkumar Harursampath, Aged about 47 years, residing at No.567, Chowdeshwari Temple Street, Varthur, Bangalore-560 087. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'NARENA DINESHKUMAR' to 'S KAVITHA'** vide Affidavit dated 19.08.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public A.M.Rajasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHEIKH ABDUL JAMAL** Residing at # 35, 3rd Cross, Near Indira Memorial English School, Modi Road, Doddanna Nagar, Devarajeevanahalli, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHEIKH ABDUL JAMAL** to **(NEW NAME) SHAIK ABDUL JAMAL** vide affidavit dated 18.08.2023 sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain.K Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ARUN KUMAR AGARWAL,** residing at Flat No. C001, Trend Square Ortus 2, Near Lakshminarayan Temple, Amruthahalli, Bangalore-560092, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ARUN KUMAR AGARWAL** to **(NEW NAME) ARUN AGARWAL** vide affidavit dated 19/08/2023 sworn before Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Deepak Chandran,** S/o R Ramachandran Pillai, Residing at Flat No.413, Navya Appt, Varanasi Main Road, Samskruthi School, near Kanakanagar Circle, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-16 (Aadhaar No: 4359 8939 4353) have changed my name from **Deepak Chandran Vijayamma Ramachandran** to **Deepak Chandran** for all future purposes vide affidavit number IN-KA5585390 -3736061V dated 14.08.2023 before notary Y R Chandrashekar (advocate).

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAIF ATHER KHAN,** R/at Villa 231, Phase-1, The Empyrean, Anchemuskur, Chikkathirupathi Post, Kolar District-563160, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **SEHER AKHTAR KHAN to SAHAR AKHTAR KHAN,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **SAHAR AKHTAR KHAN** only, vide affidavit dated 19-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B..N** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. MONALISA BANERJEE**, Aged about 45 years, Wife of Mr. Joymalya Ghosh, Residing at Prestige Royale Gardens, Flat No. 12054, Avalahalli, Doddaballapura Main Road, Near BMSIT College, Yelahanka, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560 064, do hereby declare that **Monalisa Ghosh** and **Monalisa Banerjee** both the names pertain to me only. Vide affidavit dated 14.08.2023 sworn to before Leela, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHABBIR AHAMED S/o. ABDUL LATHIEF** R/a #600, 21st Cross, 1st Block, RT.Nagar, Bengaluru-32, have changed name to **SHABBIR AHMED S/O ABDUL LATEEF** vide affidavit 18.08.2023 sworn before Notary Hemalatha, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAAZ MOHAMED THAFAZIL,** S/o. Mohammed Thafazul, R/of No. 62, Ward No. 12, 2nd Cross, Nanjappa Extension, Ramanagaram-562159, today camped at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **MAAZ MOHAMMED TAFAZUL** vide affidavit dated: 19.08.2023 before notary **V. RAJASHEKHARA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEERALAL, S/o Rikhabchand, aged about 67 years, Residing at No.9/1, Old No.480, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, 2nd Block, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore-560050,** Have changed my name to **HEERALAL BAFNA** vide affidavit dated 18/08/2023 sworn before advocate and notary L.Shankaranarayana, B.A,LL.B, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PAMPI SAHA,** Residing at No.31/1, Kadusonnappanahalli, Kannur, Bengaluru 562149, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PAMPI SAHA** to **(NEW NAME) PAMPI BORO** vide affidavit dated 18.08.2023 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) NASREEN SIRAJ FATHIMA,** Spouse of 676155 T Ex - SGT Mohammed Sirajuddin, No. 139/36, D-004, Victorian Haven Apartments, Patel Rama Reddy Road, Domlur Layout, Bangalore-560071, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NASREEN SIRAJ FATHIMA** to **(NEW NAME) NASREEN FATHIMA** vide affidavit Dated 16/08/2023 sworn before VIIth Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Anitha G. Residing at # 507, 33rd A Cross, 9th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011 have changed my name from **ANITHA SHASHIDHARAN** to **ANITHA G,** Vide affidavit dated 19-08-23 sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJUNATHA K.V** S/o Late Doddavenkatappa @ Venkatappa, aged about 42 years, R/at No. 425, Near Anjineyaswamy Temple, Kodichikkanahalli, Bengaluru-560076, do hereby declare that both the names of my Father i.e., **DODDA VENKATAPPA and SRI VENKATAPPA** are one and the same and belongs to my father only, vide affidavit dated 17-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJUNATH SIDDAGANGAIAH,** Residing at No. 17/38/1, Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Temple Road, 8th Cross, Hanumagiri Layout, Chikkallasandra, Bengaluru - 560 061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJUNATHA SIDDAGANGAIAH** to **MANJUNATH SIDDAGANGAIAH** vide affidavit dated 19.08.2023 sworn to before H.S. Dharma Prasad, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **MADHUSUDHAN AGRAHARA VENKATESH & REKHADEVI KRISHNARAJU** R/a #1, 2nd Cross A.N Gupta Layout Lakkasandra, Bengaluru-30, have changed minor son name **REYES RAJ MADHUSUDHAN** (New Name) and (Old Name) **REYES MADHUSUDHAN** vide affidavit 11.7.2023 sworn before Notary Hemalatha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R. VENKATARAJU,** S/o, Ramaiah, aged about 34 years, Residing at, 333/13, Tyagaraja Road, Doddamarata Street, Ward No.13, Anekal Town, Bengaluru Dist, as my Father Name is entered as **RAMAIAH** in all my records, but in my School Records, my Father name is entered as **RAMANNA,** I intend to rectify the same vide Affidavit dated:19-08-2023, Sworn before, Advocate & Notary Public, Muniswamy. T, Anekal Town. My Father shall be known and called as **RAMAIAH,** only for all Official and Furure Purposes.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Venkataramana Shankaranarayana** aged about 53 years, S/o Shankaranarayana Venkataramana Adiga, Residing at No.15, Unnati, 7th B Cross, Garden Villas Nagarabhavi, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560072, I declare that the names **VENKATARAMANA SHANKARANARAYANA and VENKATARMAN SHANKARANARAYANA** belongs to me only. In future my name will be called and continued as **VENKATARAMANA SHANKARANARAYANA** vide affidavit dated 19/08/2023 sworn before advocate and notary Deepa.M, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RAJATH** Residing at No.276, 1st floor, Srinivasanilaya, 11th Cross, Saraswathinagar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAJATH** to **(NEW NAME) RAJATH.R.MADYASTHA** vide affidavit dated 19.08.2023 sworn before Notary M.S.Manjunath Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Srilakshmi.B,** D/o N. Balasubramanyam, Aged about 39 years, C/o No.111, 6th Main, 4th Block, 2nd Phase, BSK-3rd Stage, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560085, have changed my minor daughter's name from **SARA** to **SARA SRIYAM,** vide affidavit dated 19/8/2023 sworn to before R.S.Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **1. UMESH .N** S/o Narayanappa, aged 43 years, **2. KAVITHA .K,** W/o Umesh .N, aged about 39 years, both R/at No. 5, Gadi Muddanna Road, Opp. Vishal Theater Sri Ramanagar, Kamakshipalya, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from **JAYALAKSHMI .U to MANVITHA,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **MANVITHA** only, vide affidavit dated 16-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UDAY PRATAP SINGH RAJAWAT,** R/at No. 30/1, Manonmance, 16th Cross, Abbigere Main Road, Near St Stephen's School, K G Halli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560015, have changed my daughter's name from **BHAVYA SINGH to DARSHIKA SINGH,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DARSHIKA SINGH,** only, vide Affidavit Dated: 16-08-2023 Before Advocate and Notary **S. PRAKASH,** Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AARAV MAJITHIA**, S/o. Udaykumar Majithia, Aged about 18 years, Residing at C-901, Vaswani Pinnacle, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore - 560 066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AARAV UDAY MAJITHIA** to **AARAV MAJITHIA** vide affidavit dated 16.08.2023 sworn to before Yankoba, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **M PRATUSHA & M GOVARDHAN** R/a #2-52 Village Mangalam Punganur MD District, Chittor-47, have changed minor son name **MATHETI VISHAL REDDY** (New Name) and (Old Name) **M VISHAL REDDY** vide affidavit 18.8.2023 sworn before Notary Hemalatha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K A Pramitha W/o. No. 2599970X Rank Hav Name Muthanna BT R/o. Konanjageri Village. Parane Post, Madikeri Tq, Kodagu Dist Pin 571212** have changed my name to **B M PRAMITHA** and DOB is 03-06-1978 vide affidavit dated 29-03-2023 sworn before notary K C PEMMAIAH, Bangalore

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I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PASSIONATE ABOUT THE FILMMAKING PROCESS: ARADHANAA

The debutante sharing the screen with Darshan in *Kaatera* has wrapped up the talkie segments and will soon begin with the song sequences

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR Radhana Ram has added an extra 'A' to her name, and will now be known as Aradhanaa. While she does value the importance of hard work, she also believes that luck plays a part in certain unforeseen circumstances.

Aradhanaa, who is making her debut with Darshan's *Kaatera*, is truly exhilarated to kickstart her career by sharing the screen with the Challenging Star in the action commercial entertainer, directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir and produced by Rockline Productions. Admitting that *Kaatera* holds a special place in her heart, Aradhanaa shares that she has wrapped up her talkie portions, and is waiting to begin the song sequences.

The film, set in the 70s, against a village backdrop, has Aradhanaa playing the role of Prabhavathi.

"It is been a year since the muhurath, and from that day till now, the experience has only gotten better with every passing day. I couldn't have asked for a better team, teacher, and guidance in my first film," says Aradhanaa, adding, "Since the film has a rural backdrop, I am currently rehearsing for a particular dance style."

A still from Kaatera

Aradhanaa, the daughter of actor Malashree and noted distributor Ramu, is not new to the world of cinema.

"On the first day, I thought I will be out of place, but the sets felt like home. I have always been passionate about the filmmaking process. I love to be on the sets and observe the director's work. Though I have grown up around films, I don't think it is enough. Learning is a continuous process, and I like to see how I can be better at various aspects of cinema," she says.

With her complete focus on *Kaatera*, Aradhanaa opens up about her plans for the future. "Karnataka is my home, and Kannada is my mother tongue. But looking at Indian cinema, pan-India is everywhere now. However, I don't know what is written for me in the future. I am happy to be acting in movies, irrespective of which language it is. But, I am happy to begin my career here, and in such a big way," she signs off.

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Through Toby, I've unlearned and gained new perspectives: Raj Deepak Shetty

Returning to Kannada cinema with Raj B Shetty's film, the actor reveals insights about his role and says after a wait of more than 2 years, securing this part is a deeply gratifying reward for his patience

CE FEATURES

RAJ Deepak Shetty, a familiar name in the Kannada industry since 2005, began his acting journey in television before transitioning to films. With about 25 Kannada films to his credit, he later expanded his horizons to other languages, gaining recognition in Telugu through his portrayal of a villain in *Ismart Shankar*. Now he returns to Kannada cinema playing the antagonist in Raj B Shetty's *Toby*.

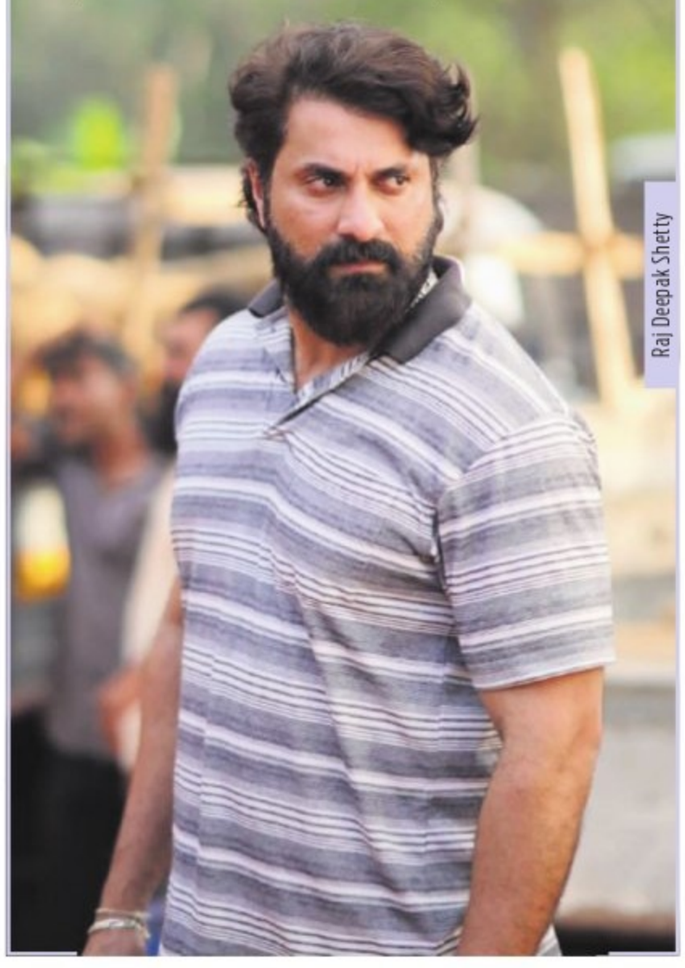
"Over the past two and a half years, I hadn't taken on any new assignments except completing a few pending projects in Telugu. The reason is that I wasn't finding the right roles. I've accepted characters out of necessity before, but they all seemed similar. However, *Toby* was different. Plus, since Raj B Shetty was behind the script, it was an easy decision to take up the project," says Raj Deepak.

Raj Deepak assures that he is not playing a run-of-the-mill antagonist, and it defies the stereotypes of a villain. "Even though my character Anand is the antagonist, he has a lot of complexities. He represents a negative-shaded character we might have encountered in our lives. He genuinely believes he's always right without resorting to shouting or fighting; his emotions aren't overt. I had to imbibe these aspects in my performance."

When queried about the unique dimension he brings to the character, he points out, "In the shoes of a hero like *Toby*, encountering violence is common. However, Anand remains composed, sidestepping direct involvement in violent acts. Anand isn't the typical villain."

Raj Deepak Shetty and Raj B Shetty

Reflecting on whether this role marks a resurgence in his career, Raj Deepak Shetty muses, "I waited for two and a half years to assume this role, and it felt like a fulfilling feast for my patience. With over 18 years of experience as an actor, playing this part in *Toby* brought me more satisfaction, and it is more than just a career revamp. It's a distinct genre with a unique storytelling style. Through Toby, I've unlearned and gained new perspectives. The film has reshaped my outlook on cinema," he concludes.



Raj Deepak Shetty

24 tracks across four languages for *Cicada*

CE FEATURES

THE Kannada film, *Cicada* is all set to go the multilingual route as the makers are planning to release the film in Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam. The first look of the film was launched by Meghana Raj Sarja and Prajwal Devaraj.

Music director, Sreejith Edavana, who is marking his debut with *Sikada*, brings together a blend of fresh and seasoned talents. Produced by Turn Films and Entertainment, the film features Vandana Menon and Gopakumar P, Rajith CR, Gayathri Mayoor, and Jais Jos in significant roles. The film has been shot in Bengaluru, Attapadi, Wayanad, Kochi, and more.

Sreejith Edavana, known for his work in Tamil and Malayalam, has composed a total of six songs for the film. Impressively, the six tracks have been altered for each language to cater to the local sensibilities and integrate them with that region's cultural essence. This results in a total of 24 new compositions spanning all four languages. The film's cinematography is handled by Navin Raj.

Jhanvi to make her silver screen debut with *Adhipatra*

Jahnavi

Roopesh Shetty

CE FEATURES

ANCHOR-turned-actor Jhanvi, known for her appearances on television, especially in the reality show *Gichi GiliGili*, is all set to make her debut on the silver screen. She will be paired opposite Roopesh Shetty, a prominent Tulu actor and former winner of *Bigg Boss*, in his Kannada debut, titled *Adhipatra*. Directed by Chayan Shetty and backed by KAAR Cinikambai Productions, *Adhipatra* is billed as a suspense thriller.

Inspired by a real-life incident, the film will be shot extensively in and around Mangalore and Udupi.

The film's muhurat is scheduled for August 23, with shooting being planned to begin in September. Further details about the remaining cast and the technical crew will be unveiled by the film's team soon.

Nischith Korodi turns massy in *Supplier Shankara*

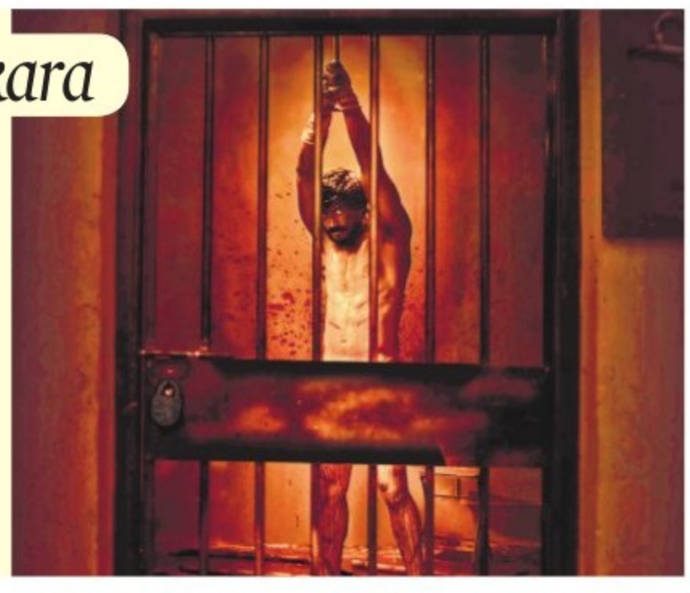
CE FEATURES

NISCHITH Korodi, known for his roles in films like *Gantumoote* and *Tom & Jerry*, is turning into a mass hero with his upcoming film, *Supplier Shankara*. The makers unveiled a motion poster that features him as a wounded person behind the bars of a police station.

Written and directed by Ranjith Singh Rajput, the shooting of *Supplier Shankara* has been wrapped up, and the makers are gearing up for a release.

Produced by M. Chandrashekar and Nagendra Singh under the Trinetra Films banner, *Supplier Shankara* is an action drama centred on the life of a supplier in a bar.

With Deepika Aaradhya playing the other lead, the film also stars notable actors like Gopal Krishna Deshpande, Jyoti Rai, and Naveen D Padil in crucial roles.

Ravi Basrur and his team have taken care of the film's music composition.

A still from the film